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K-RIDE, the agency implementing the suburban rail project, on Friday issued an e-tender invitation for 12 stations of Mallige Line.
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COMEDK-2023 entrance exam tomorrow

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COMEDK-2023 Under Graduate Entrance Test will be held on Sunday, for admissions to over 150 engineering colleges and over 50 private and deemed universities. » Page 4

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24 more to join State Ministry today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After much deliberations, 24 more legislators are set to be inducted into the Siddaramaiah Ministry on Saturday. They will be sworn in at Raj Bhavan at 11.45 a.m.

This will be in addition to the 10 (including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar) who took oath last week, which fills up the 34-member Cabinet to its capacity.

Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar were in Delhi holding a series of meetings with central leaders and reportedly ironed out differences and reached a consensus on the names.

Of the 24 to be inducted on Saturday, 23 are MLAs and one (N.S. Boseraju) is not a member of either House. Laxmi Hebbalkar is the lone woman MLA to make it to the Ministry.

The Cabinet balances castes and communities, with an eye on the Lok Sabha elections next year.

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The chosen ones

- H.K. Patil
- Krishna Byre Gowda
- N. Cheluvarayaswamy
- K. Venkatesh
- H.C.Mahadevappa
- Eshwar Khandre
- K. N. Rajanna
- Dinesh Gundu Rao
- Sharanabasappa Darshanapur
- Shivanand Patil
- Timmapur Ramappa Balappa
- S.S. Mallikarjun
- Tangadagi Shivaraj Sangappa
- Sharanapakash Rudrappa Patil
- Mankal Vaidya
- Laxmi R. Hebbalkar
- Rahim Khan
- D. Sudhakar
- Santosh S. Lad
- N.S. Boseraju
- Byrathi Suresh
- Madhu Bangarappa
- M.C.Sudhakar
- B.Nagendra

Only six religion options make it to next Census form

Detailed codes for Sarnaism, the Lingayat religion, etc. were dropped in the final schedule; form to include questions on source of drinking water

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Do you consume "packaged or bottled water"? The Census wants to know. This will be one of the new questions in the next Census, which will also introduce "natural calamities" as a new option when asking about the factors responsible for migration of an individual or a family, besides existing options.

Despite demands from several communities to be counted as a separate religion, the next Census will only count Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Sikh and Jain as options. Nature-worshipping Adivasis in Jharkhand, Chattisgarh and Odisha have been campaigning to include their Sarna faith as a separate religion, while Karnataka's Lingayats have been making a similar demand.

Though respondents can write the name of any other religion, no separate code will be provided.

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Making it count

Next Census is a mix of newer aspects and older conventions

- Next Census retains six options for religions
- The Census introduces questions on bottled water consumption and migration due to natural calamities
- Next Census will be India's first digital one, allowing citizens to participate from the comfort of their home
- New queries about travel time and Metro rail usage have been added
- The Census now includes categories such as acid attack, intellectual disability, chronic neurological disease, and blood disorder in the disability section
- A code directory is added to streamline data processing

Inside view: The Lok Sabha hall inside the new Parliament complex, set to be inaugurated on Sunday. ANI

SC refuses to hear plea against opening of Parliament by PM

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a petition challenging the inauguration of the new Parliament building on Sunday by the Prime Minister, and not the President.

A Vacation Bench of Justices J.K. Maheshwari and P.S. Narasimha said it was not "inclined" to hear the petition filed by advocate C.R. Jaya Sukin. When Mr. Sukin urged the Court to permit him to withdraw the petition, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the lawyer may then file it before another court and keep the issue alive. He said the court should record a dismissal of the petition to make it conclusive.

Mr. Sukin's petition was filed on Thursday amidst a heated debate between the government and Opposition over the inauguration.

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Trapped on a dating site, woman loses lakhs to cyber fraud

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

A 37-year-old woman's love for a man she came in contact with on a popular dating site has burnt a deep hole in her pocket, as she ended up paying ₹4.5 lakh to the person posing as a Delhi airport official.

Ragini (name changed) was approached by a man on Tinder who registered under a fake name, Advik Chopra, after swiping right on her profile on the app, to which she responded positively. Later, both began a conversation on WhatsApp. While his profile said he was based out of Mumbai, during their conversation, he said he was a medical practitioner in London. The duo came into direct contact about a month back.

The victim, who is currently working in Bengaluru, told *The Hindu*, "He was soft-spoken and gave an impression that he is a caring person. For about a month, we were in touch through WhatsApp. Gradually, he gained my trust and I eventually fell in love with him."

Meeting in person

Ms. Ragini said that one day, Chopra expressed the desire to meet in person and said he would fly from London to Bengaluru via Dubai. "On May 17, I received a phone call from an unknown number and the person identified as an official attached with the Airports Authority of India," Ms. Ragini said.

The official, who later turned out to be a fraudster, told her that Chopra, who arrived at the Delhi airport, carried unaccounted cash and needed to be exchanged, for which first endorsement should be done, failing which he could not fly down to Bengaluru. The officer asked ₹68,500 for endorsement, ₹1.8 lakh as fees, and ₹2.06 lakh for other processing charges. The woman transacted money from her account to the bank details shared by the officer. After sending about ₹4.5 lakh, he again asked money towards paying GST.

"As I believed Chopra came all the way from London to meet me, I was pained by the trouble he encountered. I simply wanted to help Chopra get out of the airport," Ms. Ragini said.

Growing suspicious

However, she grew suspicious when this fake officer asked for an additional ₹6 lakh for GST. When she started enquiring more, the call was disconnected. "Chopra also went incommunicado. This is when I realised I was cheated," Ms. Ragini said. Immediately after this, his profile on Tinder was also deleted. The cyber police probing the case said there had been many instances of fraudsters using genuine dating apps to lure victims.

IMD retains its normal outlook for monsoon

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has kept its forecast of normal rainfall from June-September this year, unchanged from its prediction in April.

At 96% of the Long Period Average (a 50-year mean) of 87 cm, this is at the lowest end of what is considered 'normal'.

The chances of an El Nino forming are near certain, and this will likely mean that rainfall levels will be below normal in northwest India, IMD said on Friday.

The key factor influencing the quantum of monsoon rains is the development of an El Nino, a phenomenon of warming in the central Pacific Ocean that is linked to diminished rainfall in western and northwestern India.

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Class 10 students with attendance shortage can write supplementary examination

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Around 26,900 students will benefit from this opportunity given by KSEAB

Class 10 students of 2022-23 academic year, who did not appear for the examination due to lack of attendance, have been allowed to register for the supplementary examination as private candidates this year, which will be held from June 12.

The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) has given this opportunity, and around 26,900 students will be benefited.

Attendance of a minimum of 75% is mandatory for appearing class 10 examination for regular students.

Gopalakrishna H.N., Director (Examinations) for KSEAB, said, "The board is providing this facility for the first time for those who could not attend the class 10 exam due to the shortage of attendance. It will be helpful for students' future education without losing any academic year."

Students and parents welcomed the move.

Rachappa, parent of a class 10 student who missed the exam, said, "Due to health reasons, my daughter was long absent from classes. We also failed to submit her health certificate to the school in time. As a result, she missed the examination. However, now the KSEAB has given an opportunity to write the exam, and it will be helpful to thousands of students like my daughter. She is preparing well for the examination and we hope that she will be succeed."

Deployment of electric vehicles will reduce carbon dioxide emissions in the city by 2030, says study

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

By 2030, the number of vehicles in Bengaluru is estimated to increase from 5.7 million to 8.9 million, and that of electric vehicles (EVs) from 75,000 to 2.3 million. Although there will be 3.2 million more vehicles, the addition of 2.2 million EVs is expected to prevent approximately 3.3 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO_2) emissions.

While the CO_2 emissions are expected to increase by 25%, nitrogen oxides are expected to increase by 13% and particulate matter (PM) emissions by 8%, said the study 'Bengaluru 2030: Impact of EVs on Vehicular Emissions' conducted by the Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP).

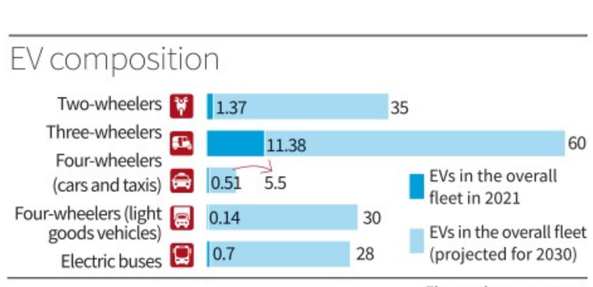
Registration data

The study obtained the on-ground vehicle stock in the last 20 years (2001-2021) and considered the Transport Department's vehicle registration data to estimate the population of on-road vehicles. It also accounted for vehicles which were retired or slated for retirement through projections.

"The vehicle population was projected to the horizon year (2030) by extending the past growth trends in each vehicle class. The projections revealed that the on-road vehicle stock grows 1.5 times at an overall growth rate of 5%. During the same period, the city's EV fleet is projected to grow at a weighted average compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 56%," said a press release from CSTEP. (The horizon year of 2030 is when electric vehicles are expected to become the dominant form of transportation.)

While two-wheeler EVs are expected to see the most significant growth (20 lakh vehicles by 2030), it would be followed by four-wheelers (1.4 lakh) and three-wheelers (1.3 lakh). "If this growth is sustained till the horizon year, 100% EV sales penetration can be witnessed in 2030 for all vehicle classes except for four-wheelers."

EV composition



Figures in percentage

While carbon dioxide emissions are expected to increase by 25%, nitrogen oxides are expected to increase by 13% and particulate matter emissions by 8%, said the study. K. MURALI KUMAR

Reducing emissions

Further, the study has found that the deployment of these EVs with zero tailpipe emissions would be equivalent to the removal of 4.85 million conventional two-wheelers plying in the city, thereby reducing the emissions. "The increased adoption of electric two-wheelers can help curb tailpipe emissions for all three pollutant classes from these vehicles. However, four-wheelers would remain the largest source of emissions, as e4Ws showed the lowest penetration among all analysed vehicle classes," the study said.

The report has also determined the overall impact on the electrical grid managed by Bangalore Electricity Supply Company. The report said the energy requirement for the projected EV fleet of 2.34 million, approximately 6.2 million units of electricity would be needed to meet the daily energy requirement for charging.

"Currently, 55% of Bescom's energy mix is generated from thermal power plants. To ensure a completely green transition, a combination of renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, biomass, and hydro, available in Karnataka should be used for power generation. For instance, to fulfil the charging requirements of all projected EVs, 1.37 GW of rooftop solar installations (total rooftop area of 16.4 sq km) will be sufficient, which is an achievable target considering the city's rooftop solar potential of 3.2 GW," the study recommended.

RUNE IN NUMBERS

Age: 20
Height: 6'2"
Titles: 4 | Clay titles: 2

Career win-loss: 77-48 (62%)
2023 win-loss: 27-10 (73%)
2023 win-loss on clay: 13-3 (81%)

RANKING PROGRESSION (BEST EACH YEAR)

2020: World No.	2021: World No.	2022: World No.	2023: World No.
472	103	10	6

Holger Rune: great Dane in the making?

The 20-year-old is rated highly by Novak Djokovic, who sees a lot of himself in the former junior World No. 1 from Denmark. Djokovic has also bracketed Rune with World No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz, calling them the leaders of a generational shift in men's tennis. After a strong run in the European clay-court season, the World No. 6 will be one to watch at Roland-Garros

Reuters
Associated Press

With the injury-enforced absence of Rafael Nadal, the long-reigning King of Clay, the men's section of Roland-Garros wears an open look.

The popular storylines involving the contenders include Novak Djokovic's quest for a record 23rd Major title, Carlos Alcaraz's bid to win a Grand Slam on the red dirt and prove that his breakthrough US Open triumph last year was the ushering in of a new dawn, and Daniil Medvedev's recent "friendship" with clay, a surface that had tormented him until this season.

Bubbling just underneath these talking points is Holger Rune, the first Dane to enter the ATP top 10. A peer of Alcaraz – the 20-year-olds were born a week apart in April-May – Rune is a former French Open boys' singles champion. Three years after his triumph in the juniors, he made the quarterfinals at Roland-Garros on his senior debut in 2022.

Seal of approval

These aren't the only indicators of his pedigree, especially on clay. He has the Djokovic seal of approval: the 36-year-old sees a lot of himself in the young man and there are few higher compliments in tennis. Rune defeated the great Serb in the final of the Paris Masters last year and beat him again at the Italian Open last week.

Only five players have winning head-to-head records against Djokovic over the course of at least three matches, which makes Rune's 2-1 lead all the more special.

After his second straight loss to the Dane, Djokovic was moved to say that the long-awaited "shift of generations" had finally come to men's tennis, which has been dominated since the mid-2000s by the Big Three of Federer, Nadal and Djokovic. He also talked up Rune's chances at the French Open, putting him in the same bracket as the Spanish World No. 1: "Alcaraz, Rune... these guys are right there in contention, some of the biggest favourites."

> I want to win a Grand Slam this year. I hope it can be achieved at the French Open. If not, I hope to make it in the other two Grand Slams
>
> **HOLGER RUNE**

No obvious weakness

Asked what makes Rune such a dangerous opponent, Djokovic said, "He kind of reminds me of me, the way he plays. Really fit physically, great defence, but also great counter-puncher. He can hurt you from both the forehand and backhand side. Really solid serve. Aggressive returns. He's very, very fast, very quick. Great anticipation. Very tough to get the ball past him. Just a very talented, dynamic, all-around player on all surfaces."

If the win over Djokovic in Paris was a breakthrough moment for the 6'2" Dane, the one at the Foro Italico felt like confirmation that he belonged among the elite.

"If it's working against Novak, it works against almost anybody," Rune said of his 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 quarterfinal victory. He also spoke of how difficult it is to convert advantages and finish matches against Djokovic because the Serb begins to swing with even more freedom. "At the end, when Novak goes into this mode, nothing can come at him and he plays really free and aggressive," said Rune. "When you want to close the match, it's really difficult."

It was a most interesting observation, for Rune emulated this quality in the next round, the semifinal against World No. 4 Casper Ruud. Down a set, with the match in danger of slipping away, Rune channelled his inner Djokovic. "I had nothing to lose in the second [set], so I just told myself to play freely," he said. "Play aggressively and enjoy it, that was the key to come back."

Rune could not win the Italian Open, falling to Medvedev in the final, but showed enough over the clay-court season to suggest that he can put together a deep run at Roland-Garros. He finished runner-up to Andrey Rublev at the Monte Carlo Masters and successfully defended his Munich title, building up a 13-3 record (81% win-rate) on the dirt this year.

> He plays very fearless, takes the ball early, which is really impressive to do on clay. It's not very typical to sort of do too well on clay because you have some wrong bounces
>
> **CASPER RUUD**
> World No. 4

> He reminds me of me. Really fit, great defence, great counter-puncher. He can hurt you with both forehand and backhand. Very, very fast. Just a very talented, dynamic, all-around player
>
> **NOVAK DJOKOVIC**

Power and touch

Rune's mix of explosive power and exquisite touch – he struck an 83 mph forehand return winner off a first serve and produced savvy drop shots that stopped dead in Rome – offer him rally-ending weapons on clay. But he is not afraid to scrap for his points either.

Perhaps most importantly, he is able to produce his best against the best on all surfaces. He has a positive 13-10 record against players ranked in the top 10, which is uncommon for somebody just out of his teens. He beat five top-10 players on his way to the Paris Masters title last year and has already recorded wins over Djokovic, Medvedev, Ruud and Jannik Sinner this year.

"I play some of my best tennis when I play the top guys of the world," Rune said. "Playing juniors, I was number one at the Under-14, 16 and 18 [levels], so I'm used to playing as the one who has to win. It's obviously different now, playing the big guys on the big stage but I'm excited about it. It's better to play in a full stadium that's loud than in front of nobody, so I see it as a positive."

Bad boy?

Rune's competitiveness can sometimes boil over. He has had spats with chair umpires. He also appeared to use a homophobic slur in a match during his teens, which he apologised for and claimed was directed at himself not his opponent. He disagrees, however, with the characterisation of him as a 'bad boy', recently saying, "I play with a lot of passion and energy... I don't know why that should be a bad boy thing, to play with energy on the court. A bad boy thing is to break rackets. If I remember well, I don't break a racket when I play."

Rune wants to translate his drive to win into Grand Slam success this year, continuing an astonishing rise from World No. 511 to World No. 6 over the last two and a half years.

"Roland-Garros is the main goal of the clay season. I think I had the matches that I needed to be as well-prepared as possible," he said ahead of the year's second Major. "I want to win a Grand Slam this year. I hope it can be achieved at the French Open. If not, I hope to make it in the other two Grand Slams."

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	20	6,815	17
2	Daniil Medvedev	27	6,330	23
3	Novak Djokovic	36	5,955	16
4	Casper Ruud	24	4,915	23
5	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	4,775	21
6	Holger Rune	20	4,375	26
7	Andrey Rublev	25	4,270	25
8	Jannik Sinner	21	3,435	21
9	Taylor Fritz	25	3,390	23
10	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	3,065	23
11	Karen Khachanov	27	2,945	22
12	Frances Tiafoe	25	2,790	22
13	Hubert Hurkacz	26	2,525	23
14	Cameron Norrie	27	2,520	22
15	Rafael Nadal	36	2,445	14

Top Indians

Sumit Nagal
Rank 256 ▲▼ No change

Mukund Sasikumar
Rank 379 ▼ 7 spots

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	8,940	17
2	Aryna Sabalenka	25	7,541	18
3	Jessica Pegula	29	5,205	17
4	Elena Rybakina	23	5,090	21
5	Caroline Garcia	29	5,025	26
6	Coco Gauff	19	4,305	18
7	Ons Jabeur	28	3,541	16
8	Maria Sakkari	27	3,391	23
9	Daria Kasatkina	26	3,275	25
10	Petra Kvitova	33	3,162	16
11	Veronika Kudermetova	26	2,950	22
12	Belinda Bencic	26	2,750	20
13	Barbora Krejcikova	27	2,680	22
14	Beatriz Haddad Maia	26	2,420	24
15	Liudmila Samsonova	24	2,236	21

Top Indians

Ankita Raina
Rank 212 ▲ 6 spots

Karman Thandi
Rank 265 ▲▼ No change

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Man. City	37	28	5	4	94	32	62	89
2	Arsenal	37	25	6	6	83	43	40	81
3	Man. United	37	22	6	9	56	42	14	72
4	Newcastle	37	19	13	5	67	32	35	70
5	Liverpool	37	19	9	9	71	43	28	66
6	Brighton	37	18	8	11	71	51	20	62
7	Aston Villa	37	17	7	13	49	45	4	58
8	Tottenham	37	17	6	14	66	62	4	57
9	Brentford	37	14	14	9	57	46	11	56
10	Fulham	37	15	7	15	54	51	3	52
11	Palace	37	11	11	15	39	48	-9	44
12	Chelsea	37	11	10	16	37	46	-9	43
13	Wolves	37	11	8	18	31	53	-22	41
14	West Ham	37	11	7	19	41	53	-12	40
15	Bournemouth	37	11	6	20	37	70	-33	39
16	Nott. Forest	37	9	10	18	37	67	-30	37
17	Everton	37	7	12	18	33	57	-24	33
18	Leicester City	37	8	7	22	49	67	-18	31
19	Leeds United	37	7	10	20	47	74	-27	31
20	Southampton	37	6	6	25	32	69	-37	24

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Barcelona	36	27	4	5	66	18	48	85
2	Real Madrid	36	23	5	8	72	34	38	74
3	Atletico Madrid	36	22	7	7	66	30	36	73
4	Real Sociedad	36	20	8	8	48	32	16	68
5	Villarreal	36	19	6	11	56	36	20	63
6	Real Betis	36	16	8	12	43	39	4	56
7	Osasuna	36	14	8	14	34	39	-5	50
8	Athletic Bilbao	36	14	8	14	46	41	5	50
9	Girona	36	13	10	13	56	51	5	49
10	Sevilla	36	13	10	13	45	50	-5	49
11	Real Mallorca	36	13	8	15	34	40	-6	47
12	Rayo Vallecano	36	12	10	14	43	49	-6	46
13	Valencia	36	11	7	18	39	42	-3	40
14	Celta Vigo	36	10	10	16	41	51	-10	40
15	Almeria	36	11	6	19	46	62	-16	39
16	Getafe	36	9	11	16	32	44	-12	38
17	Cadiz	36	9	11	16	28	52	-24	38
18	Real Valladolid	36	11	5	20	33	63	-30	38
19	Espanyol	36	8	11	17	47	64	-17	35
20	Elche	36	4	9	23	28	66	-38	21

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Napoli	36	27	5	4	73	26	47	86
2	Lazio	36	20	8	8	55	28	27	68
3	Inter Milan	36	21	3	12	67	40	27	66
4	AC Milan	36	18	10	8	60	42	18	64
5	Atalanta	36	18	7	11	59	43	16	61
6	Roma	36	17	9	10	47	35	12	60
7	Juventus *	36	21	6	9	55	32	23	59
8	Monza	36	14	10	12	46	46	0	52
9	Bologna	36	13	11	12	48	45	3	50
10	Torino	36	13	11	12	38	40	-2	50
11	Fiorentina	36	13	11	12	48	41	7	50
12	Udinese	36	11	13	12	45	44	1	46
13	Sassuolo	36	12	8	16	44	56	-12	44
14	Empoli	36	10	12	14	36	46	-10	42
15	Salernitana	36	8	15	13	45	58	-13	39
16	Lecce	36	7	12	17	30	43	-13	33
17	Spezia	36	6	13	17	30	56	-26	31
18	Verona	36	7	9	20	29	55	-26	30
19	Cremonese	36	4	12	20	32	66	-34	24
20	Sampdoria	36	3	9	24	22	67	-45	18

** Capital gains sanction (10 points)*

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Borussia	33	22	4	7	81	42	39	70
2	Bayern	33	20	8	5	90	37	53	68
3	RB Leipzig	33	19	6	8	60	39	21	63
4	Union Berlin	33	17	8	8	50	38	12	59
5	SC Freiburg	33	17	8	8	50	42	8	59
6	Leverkusen	33	14	8	11	57	46	11	50
7	Wolfsburg	33	13	10	10	56	46	10	49
8	Eint. Frankfurt	33	12	11	10	56	51	5	47
9	Mainz	33	12	9	12	52	53	-1	45
10	Cologne	33	10	12	11	48	52	-4	42
11	M'gladbach	33	10	10	13	50	55	-5	40
12	Werder Bremen	33	10	6	17	51	63	-12	36
13	Hoffenheim	33	10	5	18	47	56	-9	35
14	FC Augsburg	33	9	7	17	42	61	-19	34
15	Stuttgart	33	7	11	15	44	56	-12	32
16	Bochum	33	9	5	19	37	72	-35	32
17	Schalke	33	7	10	16	33	67	-34	31
18	Hertha Berlin	33	6	8	19	40	68	-28	26

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Marnus Labuschagne	915	937
2	Kane Williamson	883	919
3	Steve Smith	872	947
4	Joe Root	871	923
5	Babar Azam	862	882
6	Travis Head	853	853
7	Usman Khawaja	815	815
8	Daryl Mitchell	792	800
9	Dimuth Karunaratne	783	783
10	Rishabh Pant	766	801

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	R. Ashwin	869	904
2	James Anderson	859	903
3	Pat Cummins	841	914
4	Kagiso Rabada	825	902
5	Shaheen Afridi	787	836
6	Ollie Robinson	785	820
7	Jasprit Bumrah	780	835
8	Nathan Lyon	757	774
9	Ravindra Jadeja	753	899
10	Kyle Jamieson	742	836

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	886	898
2	Rassie van der Dussen	777	796
3	Fakhar Zaman	755	784
4	Imam-ul-Haq	745	815
5	Shubman Gill	738	738
6	David Warner	726	880
7	Harry Tector	722	722
8	Virat Kohli	719	911
9	Quinton de Kock	718	813
10	Rohit Sharma	707	885

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Josh Hazlewood	705	733
2	Mohammed Siraj	691	736
3	Mitchell Starc	686	783
4	Matt Henry	667	691
5	Trent Boult	660	775
6	Rashid Khan	659	806
7	Adam Zampa	652	655
8	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	637	712
9	Mohammad Nabi	631	657
10	Shaheen Afridi	630	688

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	906	910
2	Mohammad Rizwan	811	875
3	Babar Azam	756	896
4	Aiden Markram	748	796
5	Rilee Rossouw	724	724
6	Muhammad Waseem	716	716
7	Devon Conway	709	831
8	Dawid Malan	705	915
9	Aaron Finch	680	900
10	Jos Buttler	670	674

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	710	816
2	Fazalhaq Farooqi	692	692
3	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
4	Wanindu Hasaranga	686	797
5	Maheesh Theekshana	684	684
5	Adil Rashid	684	746
7	Adam Zampa	678	743
8	Sam Curran	673	688
9	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	668	745
10	Anrich Nortje	667	695

Suburban rail: K-RIDE invites e-tender for 12 stations on Mallige corridor

These include two elevated stations, two elevated interchange stations and eight at-grade stations

The authorities estimate that once completed, the suburban railway project will benefit 2.03 lakh people. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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The Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited, K-RIDE, the agency implementing the Bengaluru suburban rail project, on Friday issued an e-tender invitation for 12 stations of Mallige Line. The total length of the network is 25 km, with 14 stations. The authorities estimate that once completed, it will benefit 2.03 lakh people.

In a release, K-RIDE stated that it had issued an e-tender invitation for the work of 'design and construction of 12 stations along the corridor two or Mallige Line of the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP).

These 12 stations include two elevated stations (Chikkabanavara and Mathikere), two elevated interchange stations (Benniganahalli and Yeshwantpur) and rest eight at-grade stations (Kasturinagar, Sevanagar, Banasawadi, Nagawara, Kanakanagar, Hebbal, Shettihalli, and Myadarahalli).

In October 2020, the Central government approved the suburban rail project with four corridors covering a distance of 148 km with 57 stations. The other three corridors identified are KSR Bengaluru to Whitefield, Heelaige to Rajankunte and Kengeri to Whitefield.

As per the plan, K-RIDE has plans to integrate the proposed stations with metro or existing railway stations at various points such as Majestic, Kengeri, Cantonment, Lottegollahalli, Chikkabanavara and others.

India's first subscription-based business aviation start-up IndiaJets launches operations

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Bengaluru-based IndiaJets, which is India's first subscription-based business aviation start-up, has launched its operations with the IndiaJets Aircraft Membership programme.

According to the company, the model mimics timeshare in the sky and is tailormade for business owners and senior management professionals who can enjoy the benefits of a private aircraft at their disposal without having to own one or incur the burden of overseeing and managing air worthiness, crew, and maintenance.

Subscribers will have to buy the share size appropriate to the annual flight requirement for a fixed amount per month and per hour flown, without having to hire personnel, pay hangar rent, or attend to the many other details inherent in whole aircraft ownership, including variable costs.

The company has internally raised seed funding of $500,000, and operates a 6-seat business jet, which is stationed at HAL airport in Bengaluru. The company plans to induct another 32 aircraft, including medium to large jets, over the next few years.

At present, IndiaJets, a subscription-based business aviation start-up, operates a six-seater business jet.

John Kuruvilla, CEO and co-founder, IndiaJets, said, "The high cost of aircraft ownership, monthly operations and maintenance are strong entry barriers. At the same time, time wasted in airports, standing in queues, crowded airports and lounges, make commercial flying an unpleasant experience. Flying private is the only solution, and business leaders across the world are now doing so through fractional ownership."

Fractional ownership offers the flexibility, convenience, privacy, tax-saving and time-saving benefits of aircraft ownership, without the attendant capital expense, or management responsibilities.

"Subscribers can customise their itinerary, set their own schedules, save and maximise the value of their time and travel, in comfort in a highly sanitised space," he added.

Instrumental music festival at Gayana Samaja

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Bangalore Gayana Samaja is presenting a Carnatic Classical Instrumental music festival titled *Vaadya Vybhava* till May 28.

The festival featured a violin concert by Dr. M. Lalitha and M. Nandini, and Anirudha Bhat on mridangam and S.N. Naryana Murthy on Ghata on Friday from 6 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

On Saturday, there will be a veena concert by Ramana Balachandran, with B.C. Manjunath on mrudanga and A.S.N. Swamy on Khanjira. On Sunday, there will be an award presentation ceremony at 5.30 p.m.; followed by Percussion Ensemble by A.K. Palanivel on Thavil, Kulur Jayachandra Rao on mridangam, Guruprasanna G. on Khanjira and Trichy Krishnaswamy on Ghata.

Bharathinagar police nab two in vehicle theft case

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The Bharathinagar police nabbed two persons accused of stealing a scooter at Netaji Road near Shivajinagar. The accused have been identified as Mohammad Jabi, 23, and Yasin Khan, 25. The search for the third accused is still on.

According to the police, on May 21, around 5 a.m., three accused waylaid Mohammad Shamshad, the complainant, who works as a tailor. The accused arrived on a motorcycle and took away his vehicle at knifepoint.

According to the FIR, the accused first demanded money by brandishing a knife. When they found that Shamshad was not carrying any cash, one of the accused snatched the scooter key and pushed the tailor. Minutes after the complainant fell on the ground, the accused fled with the scooter. The police said the arrest of Jabi helped them solve 16 robbery cases filed in 14 police stations, including Upparpet, HSR Layout, K.R. Puram, and Commercial Street police stations. The police seized 17 two-wheelers, two autorickshaws, and ₹15 lakh cash.

Metro services to begin early tomorrow in view of civil services prelims exam

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Metro services will begin early on May 28 in view of the civil services prelims examination, said the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) on Friday.

The BMRCL, in a release, said the services would start at 6 a.m. from all terminal stations: Baiyappanahalli, Kengeri, Nagasandra, Silk Institute, Krishnarajapura and Whitefield (Kadugudi).

The service normally begins at 7 a.m. on Sundays.

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> You cannot possibly buy a moment like this. There is one common goal and we need everyone
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> **EDIN TERZIC**
> Dortmund coach

The Ruhr Valley club is two points clear of the Bavarian powerhouse going into the final round of Bundesliga matches this season. If it finishes above the reigning ten-time champion, Dortmund will have completed a stunning turnaround, having languished in sixth place at the winter break

Associated Press
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Borussia Dortmund enters matchday 34 of this season's Bundesliga in a position to do what no team across the length and breadth of Germany has managed over the last 10 years: prevent Bayern Munich from winning the title.

Ahead of Saturday's final round of matches – all nine games kick off at the same time (7 p.m. IST) – Dortmund is two points clear. To win its first Bundesliga title since 2012, the Ruhr Valley club needs a victory at home against ninth-placed Mainz only if Bayern beats tenth-placed FC Koln away at Cologne. If Bayern draws or loses, Dortmund will be the champion even if it loses.

The winner will receive the 'Meisterschale' (champion's bowl), which is commonly referred to as the 'salad bowl' because of its appearance. In recent years, Bayern has usually had the bowl in the bag by now. With the exception of the 2018-19 season, when the Bavarian powerhouse beat Dortmund by two points, Bundesliga title races simply haven't been this close. But even on that occasion, Bayern held the upper hand going into the season-finale, thanks to a two-point lead.

This time, the German giant is in the unaccustomed role of fighting from behind, its destiny no longer in its own hands. Bayern (68 points) faces a tricky trip: Koln had led the reigning 10-time champion 1-0 until the 89th minute in a 1-1 draw at Munich's Allianz Arena in the reverse fixture.

> I don't want to think about any party. I am only thinking about the game against Mainz. If we deserve to be champions then we will be
>
> **SEBASTIEN HALLER**
> Dortmund striker

Bayern will be confronted by a tough Cologne crowd, which isn't merely hoping, but also praying, for Dortmund's success. Koln's fan-base has a longstanding friendship with Dortmund's, and according to *Sport Bild*, the club plans to announce, over the stadium's public address system, any goal Dortmund scores, so the crowd can cheer, turning the heat up on Bayern.

Dortmund (70 points) hosts Mainz at Signal Iduna Park in what is sure to be a nervy affair, given what is at stake. In the reverse fixture at Mainz, it had needed a stoppage-time goal to secure a 2-1 victory and will hope for a less fraught game this time around.

The Ruhr Valley club's last Bundesliga title win dates back to 2012, when it successfully defended its 2011 championship, under then coach Jurgen Klopp. This season, Dortmund has kept pace with the Bavarians in a title race where the lead has changed hands several times. It has pounced on Bayern's rocky 2023, taking a slim lead last week by beating Augsburg, thanks to a Sebastien Haller brace, after Bayern was stunned by RB Leipzig.

Bubbling euphoria

German tabloid *Bild* rejoiced after the win, running the headline 'Haller-luja, Dortmund close in on the title'. The mood in the city of Dortmund is understandably joyous, but the club is desperate to keep a lid on the bubbling euphoria until the job is done.

"I don't really want to stop the euphoria but we still have one game left to play," Dortmund sports director Sebastian Kehl, the captain during the 2011 and 2012 triumphs, said of the tightest Bundesliga race in years. "We still need 90 minutes. We cannot allow this to be taken from us."

Kehl is aware that winning the Bundesliga would be an unexpected success for Dortmund following what has been a rollercoaster season that started with new signing Haller being diagnosed with testicular cancer in July. Haller had been brought in to replace top striker Erling Haaland, who joined Manchester City, but following surgeries and chemotherapy, he had to wait until 2023 to make his competitive return.

Adjusting on the fly

Haller's replacement, last-minute signing Anthony Modeste, never delivered, forcing coach Edin Terzic to come up with other attacking solutions. Terzic was also without talismanic captain Marco Reus for months due to the ankle injury that also ruled him out of last year's World Cup.

Dortmund was in sixth place before the end of 2022 and looked out of the title race but bounced back impressively in the second half of the campaign as Bayern started to falter. The Black and Yellows' resurgence coincided with Haller's inspiring return. Dortmund has lost just one of its 18 matches in the league since Haller came back, winning 14 and drawing three.

The Ivory Coast striker has nine goals, including five in the last three games, and has played a key role creating space and chances for other forwards like Donyell Malen and Karim Adeyemi.

Terzic said Haller's return from cancer was the season's "biggest miracle", highlighting the forward's "important" presence. The manager said the 28-year-old scores "important goals" but "also lets the others next to him shine". Terzic said he hoped Haller would replicate his success on Saturday, "so he'll be the hero of the season, but we're already very happy with him anyway".

Terzic has done a remarkable job himself in his second stint as Dortmund manager. Born in 1982 to parents who had emigrated from Yugoslavia, Terzic was raised in the town of Menden – about a half-hour drive from Dortmund – and grew up supporting the club.

After an unremarkable playing career in Germany's lower leagues, he joined Dortmund as a scout and an assistant coach in the youth academy. In his first spell as interim manager (2020-21), Terzic guided Dortmund to the DFB-Pokal title. He assumed the newly created technical director's post in 2021-22 before being hired as manager on a permanent basis in 2022 when Marco Rose was sacked after just a season in charge.

With first-hand knowledge of Dortmund's inner workings, Terzic understood the assignment. The club's strategy of signing the best young talent to sell at a profit has treated its fans to stars like Jude Bellingham, Haaland, and Ousmane Dembele over the last few years, but it has also meant the club is in a constant cycle of rebuilding, against a Bayern team with a stable core. The focus on young attacking players has also been blamed for Dortmund's persistent fragility in defence in recent years, especially at big moments.

Plugging holes

Rose's Dortmund shipped in 52 goals – the most conceded by a top-eight Bundesliga side in 2021-22 – and Terzic has worked to address this. The 42 goals it has let in puts it among the four tightest defences this season. Terzic has also had to devise ways of scoring: the team has spread the goals around, with no player reaching double figures, but the 81 it has scored is second only to Bayern's 90.

"You cannot possibly buy a moment like this," said Terzic in a rallying call ahead of the final round. "We have suffered a lot. Now it is all about taking the final step together with our fans in our stadium in our city to finally bring the championship trophy back to Dortmund."

GAME THEORY

Top board: Indians among chess' elite

After D. Gukesh's entry into the list of the world's highest-rated chess players last year, India has three Grandmasters in the top 20. India also has the oldest (Viswanathan Anand, still the top-ranked Indian at No. 9) and the youngest (Gukesh, No. 18) in the top 20. Vidit Gujrathi (No. 20) is the other Indian GM ranked among the elite

Rank	Player	Country	Rating	Birth year
1	Magnus Carlsen	Nor	2853	1990
2	Ian Nepomniachtchi	Rus	2794	1990
3	Ding Liren	Chn	2789	1992
4	Alireza Firouzja	Fra	2785	2003
5	Hikaru Nakamura	USA	2775	1987
6	Anish Giri	Ned	2768	1994
7	Fabiano Caruana	USA	2764	1992
8	Wesley So	USA	2760	1993
9	**Viswanathan Anand**	**Ind**	**2754**	**1969**
10	Teimour Radjabov	Aze	2747	1987
11	Levon Aronian	USA	2745	1982
12	Alexander Grischuk	Rus	2745	1983
13	Richard Rapport	Rou	2745	1996
14	Maxime Vachier-Lagrave	Fra	2742	1990
15	Leinier Dominguez	USA	2739	1983
16	Shakhriyar Mamedyarov	Aze	2738	1985
17	Parham Maghsoodloo	Iri	2734	2000
18	**D. Gukesh**	**Ind**	**2732**	**2006**
19	Nodirbek Abdusattorov	Uzb	2731	2004
20	**Vidit Gujrathi**	**Ind**	**2731**	**1994**

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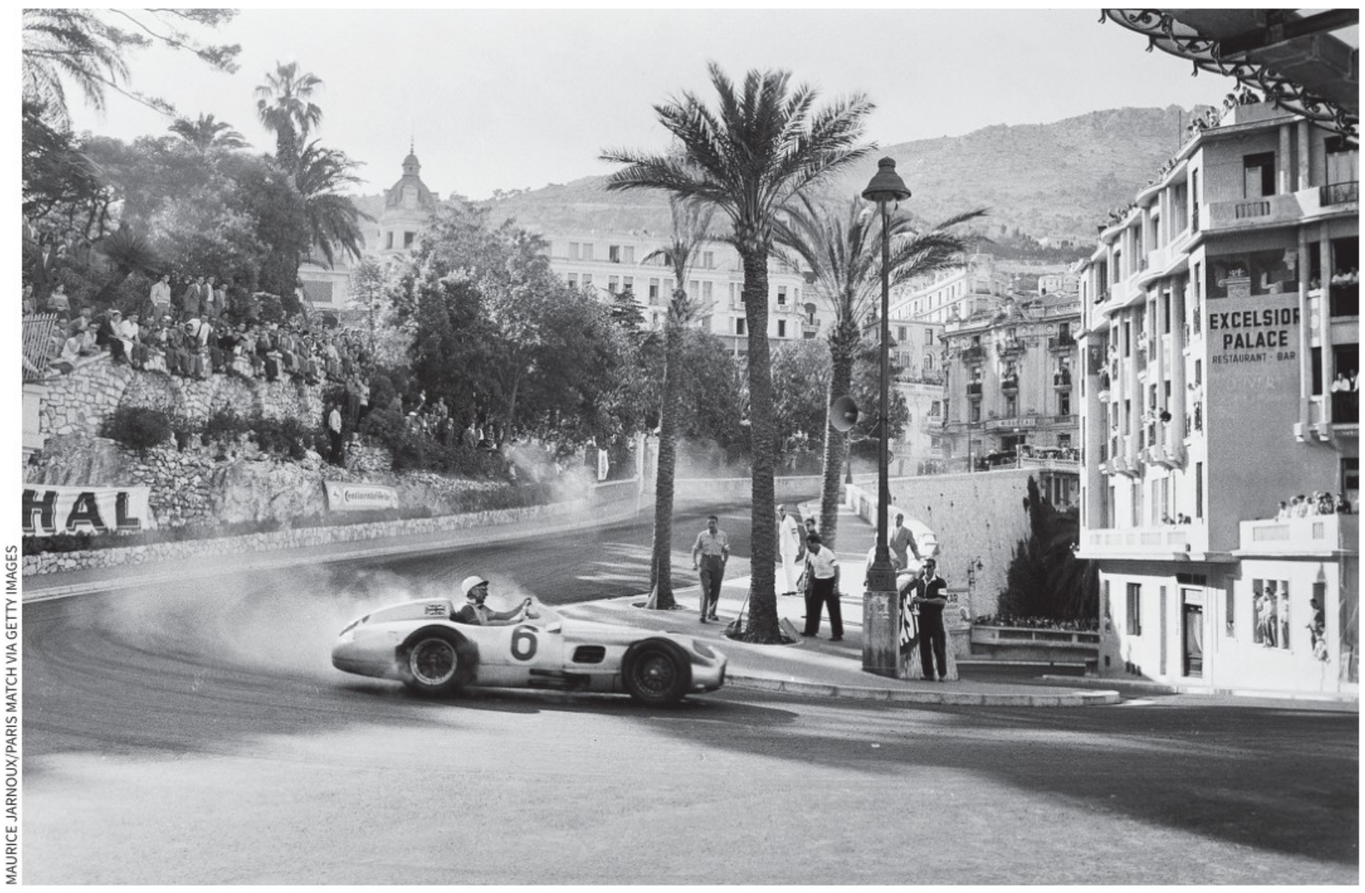

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Unfading glamour

With the Formula One caravan rolling into Monte Carlo this weekend, it's a good time to look at one of the most iconic and prestigious automobile races in the world: the Monaco Grand Prix.

This photograph captures a slice of the action from 1955, the year the Monaco GP returned as part of the F1 World Championship and began a streak of being held for 64 consecutive years. The Covid pandemic in 2020 brought an end to this run.

The circuit — thronged by the rich and famous during the glamorous race weekend — winds around the narrow streets of Monte Carlos and La Condamine, backdropped by the scenic harbour. It even has a tunnel.

As one of the events that form the Triple Crown of Motorsport — the Indianapolis 500 and the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the others — it's a race that F1 drivers desperately want to add to their trophy cabinets.

The great Ayrton Senna won it six times, more than any other driver, and famously retired to his apartment in the Principality after crashing out of the lead of the 1988 race.

Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority issues weather warnings on SMS

The alerts, in English as well as Kannada, contain information about the forecast for the particular area for three hours, and includes warnings about gusty winds and thundershowers

A file photo of heavy rains in Bengaluru on May 6, following depression over the south west Bay of Bengal. K. MURALI KUMAR

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Have you lately been receiving weather alerts on your phone in SMS format and wondering where they are coming from?

These alerts are being disseminated under the National Disaster Management Authority's (NDMA) new Common Alerting Protocol (CAP), an Integrated Alert System which has been set up for disaster management by informing citizens about emergencies and disasters.

Karnataka State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA) takes care of the dissemination of alerts drafted by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), Bengaluru on the basis of weather models. People can also receive these alerts on the SACHET mobile app and web browser.

Karnataka has issued 40.1 crore SMS alerts and 7,000 mobile app notifications in the last one month, officials told *The Hindu*.

The SMS alerts contain information about the forecast for the particular area for three hours, and includes warnings about gusty winds and thundershowers in English as well as Kannada.

The SMS alerts are geo-tagged and sent only to specific areas where the alert is applicable.

As the NDMA has collaborated with Union Ministry of Telecommunication and the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT), all telecom service providers are now mandated to send out these alerts to their customers in the relevant areas. "The alerts will go to customers who will be accessing their network through mobile towers in the area," an official explained.

While several weather alert generating agencies have tied up with specific SDMAs across India, in Karnataka, along with IMD, KSNDMC is also involved in generation of alerts.

"The KSNDMC has been issuing alerts for high temperatures, and will soon begin to issue lightning alerts and flood warnings too," said Manoj Rajan, Commissioner, KSNDMC.

In Karnataka, a unique polygon-based structure will be used for alert dissemination. "We have monitoring stations even in the gram panchayat level. Thus, we can send alerts by drawing a polygon, or selecting a specific gram panchayat or taluk or hobli, or district boundaries to minimise the impact of disasters," he added.

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Women VCs and Leaders Conclave kickstarts at MAHE, Yelahanka

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The two-day Women Vice Chancellors and Leaders Conclave designated Women in Higher Education for Enabling Leadership (WHEEL) kickstarted on Friday at Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Yelahanka. Attended by over 50 women delegates, all leading in their respective fields, the event marked the release of the Draft Charter of Recommendations to be submitted to Women 20 (W20), subject to further recommendations through discussions.

The charter is divided into five key recommendations: Women and Higher Education, Women and Labour Force Participation, Women and Skill Development, Women and Care Work, and Women in Leadership.

Sandhya Purecha, Chair of W20 India, spoke about the importance of honing the technical and digital skills of women to lead to economic empowerment. "Because the problems faced by women when participating in the labour force are multi-faceted and literacy alone cannot translate into employment", she said. Women from various sectors and experiences came together to make this event a step towards empowerment.

21st edition of The Hindu Education Plus Career Counselling from June 3

The Hindu Education Plus career counselling - 2023

Place	Date	Venue	Address
Mangaluru	03/06/2023	Geetha S.M. Shetty Hall	Ramakrishna College, Bunts' Hostel Circle, Mangaluru
Jayanagar	03/06/2023	NMKRV Shashwathi Auditorium	22nd Cross, Jayanagar 3rd Block, Bengaluru
Davangere	04/06/2023	GM Institute of Technology	Auditorium Hall, Post Box No.4, P.B. Road, Davangere
Bidar	04/06/2023	Sri Poojya Channabasava Pattadevaru Rang Mandir	Near district stadium, Bidar
Malleswaram	10/06/2023	Chowdiah Memorial Hall	16th Cross Road. Malleswaram, Bengaluru
Hubballi	10/06/2023	K.L.E Society's Biotechnology Auditorium	B.V.B. College of Engineering & Technology Campus, Vidyanagar, Hubballi
Ballari	10/06/2023	Basavarajeshwari Public School & College (BPSC)	Anantapur Road, Ballari
Mysuru	11/06/2023	Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering	P.B. No.206, Gokulam III Stage, Mysuru
Tumakuru	11/06/2023	Birla Auditorium	Siddaganga Institute of Technology, Tumakuru
Kalaburagi	18/06/2023	Poojya Doddappa Appa Sabha Bhavan	Poojya Doddappa Appa Sabha Bhavan, Sharana Basava University, Kalaburagi

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The 21st edition of The Hindu Education Plus Career Counselling will be held at 10 locations in nine cities across Karnataka from June 3, 2023.

The event will provide guidance on UPSC exam, CET counseling, NEET counseling by Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA), while also providing career guidance on courses in Arts, Science, Commerce, Law, Fashion Designing, Journalism, Animation, Performing Arts, Management, Engineering, Medicine and many more. The event will provide a platform to connect students and parents with experts and educational institutions. The event also helps students make the right decisions after getting the right counselling and guidance. Timings for registration is between 9.00 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.

The event will be held between 9.30 a.m. and 1 p.m. For details, contact: 9845095781 / 9448160126 / 9448871815. Entry is free. All participating students will get career counselling book free.

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COMEDK-2023 entrance exam to be held tomorrow

It will take place at 264 centres in 180 cities across India. Around 96,000 candidates are expected to attempt the test this year

A file photo of students attempting the entrance test conducted by the Consortium of Medical, Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka.

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BENGALURU

The Consortium of Medical, Engineering and Dental Colleges of Karnataka (COMEDK-2023) Under Graduate Entrance Test (UGET) will be held on Sunday May 28, for admissions to over 150 engineering colleges and over 50 private and deemed universities.

This is a computer-based examination, and will be held at 264 test centres in 180 cities across India. Around 96,000 candidates are expected to attempt the test this year.

The COMEDK exam will be held in two sessions. The morning session will be held between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. The second session will be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Candidates should reach the examination centres as per the reporting time mentioned in the Test Admission Ticket. They should carry their Test Admission Ticket (downloaded from the applicant login) along with two recent passport-size colour photographs.

Candidates can only carry the Test Admission Ticket, 2 passport-size photos, ID proof as declared in application, transparent water bottle, and a pencil to the exam hall.

As this is an all-India level examination, the dress code for the COMEDK 2023 exam will be in line with what is advocated by the respective State Governments.

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28-year-old autorickshaw driver donates heart

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 59-year-old individual, who had been anxiously waiting for a heart for four years, finally received a new lease on life. Ramu (name changed), a 28-year-old autorickshaw driver, donated his organs after a tragic fall from the rooftop of his house while attempting to cover it to prevent rainwater from entering the house.

Following the fall on May 21, Ramu was rushed to Aster R.V. for advanced care and treatment. "Unfortunately, his condition deteriorated, and he was declared brain-dead on May 24. He is survived by his elderly parents, wife, and a young child aged 1.6 years," said a release.

Ramu's gesture has given hope to a 59-year-old man suffering from ischemic cardiomyopathy, a condition characterised by the heart's diminished ability to pump blood effectively.

"Over the past year, the recipient's health had progressively worsened, leading to multiple hospitalisations to manage heart failure. Due to complications in tolerating medications and deteriorating organ functions, his left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) dropped to a critical 25%. Three months ago, he was listed for a heart transplant and he has been patiently waiting for a suitable organ," the release said.

Books invited

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Kannada Sahitya Samvardhaka Trust has invited books for the Kavyananda award 2021-22 for books published between January 2021 and December 2022 on poetry in Kannada.

According to a release from the Trust, the award carries a purse of ₹50,000 and a memento. Writers can submit 3 copies of their books by June 31 to Kannada Sahitya Samvardhaka Trust, Sri Giri, 4/5 a (new 8), Ali Asker Road, Bengaluru. For details, call 080-22264361.

Schools part of THiS programme see 100% pass in ICSE examination

Sudhindr A.B.
BENGALURU

Schools that are part of The Hindu in School (THiS) programme recorded 100% pass in the ICSE examination. In Mitra Academy, Arakere, 132 students appeared, and 61 secured 90% and above marks. Amruthavarshini S., and Dimple S., who scored 98.6%, were the toppers.

In Presidency School, R.T. Nagar, 145 students appeared and 139 secured distinctions. The school achieved 100% pass of over past three decades. Harrman Bhogal (99.2%) was the topper.

In VLS International School, Basaveshwaranagar, 66 students appeared and 30 secured distinctions. Tushaar M K., with 98% emerged the topper.

In Carmel High School, Basaveshwaranagar, 75 students appeared, and 42 secured 90% and above marks. The school achieved 100% pass from 22 years. Ankitha R., (99%) was the topper.

In Sacred Heart Girls' High School, Museum Road, 80 students appeared and 38 passed in first class. Advika Prasad (98.67%) was topper.

In Ganga International School, Nelagadaranahalli, 58 students appeared and 21 secured distinctions. The school achieved 100% pass from 11 years. Sujan M., (98.6%) was topper.

In RNS International School, Channasandra, 58 students appeared and 24 secured distinctions in CBSE examinations. The school achieved 100% pass from six years. Shreyas Kiran Lagavankar and Sanjana G.T., were toppers.

In Gurukul High School, Anjanapura, achieved 100% pass in CBSE examination and all 40 students secured distinctions. Preetham R., (94%) was topper.

Timings
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RISE 05:53 SET 18:41
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SUNDAY, MAY. 28
RISE 05:53 SET 18:41
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MONDAY, MAY. 29
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Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor, 5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. **M : 9916343921**

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Misc.No.224/2019
Between: Sri.Anand Kabburi ...Petitioner
And: Sri Mohammed Usman & another ...Respondents
Notice to Respondents No.1 and 2
1.Sri Mohammed Usman
S/o Abdul Subhan No.5/1, 1st Floor Nelgam Cross Road,Kalasipalyam, Bangalore-560002.Owner of vehicle No.TN07 AL2103
2. M/s Reliance General Insurance Co., Ltd.,
No.570, Durgamma Temple Street Next to Royal Industrial Estate Wadala (W) Mumbai -400031
Whereas the petitioner named above has filed a petition against you seeking restoration of the petition (arising out of M.V.C No.4565/17) before the jurisdictional court. Therefore, you are hereby summoned to appeared before this court in person or by a pleader on.**30/6/23. at 11-00 am** to answer the same, failing which the petitioner will be disposed of exparte.
Given under my hand and the seal of this court on 24-05-2023.
By Order of the Court,
Sd/-Assistant Registrar,
Court of Small Causes, Bangalore
Advocate for Petitioner
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Dragging waste on mats and cardboards, pourakarmikas toil without basic resources

BBMP withdrew pushcarts about two years ago; many contractors refuse to take waste collected by workers from the streets

Shreyas H.S.
BENGALURU

A pourakarmika moving waste to the garbage transport vehicle in Bengaluru. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

The pourakarmikas in Bengaluru continue to use plastic mats, and cardboard to carry street waste as Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) withdrew pushcarts about two years ago.

In many wards across eight zones in the city, the workers are seen pulling mats filled with dry leaves and other street waste. The waste collected on the carpets is pulled to a designated destination from where the waste collection vehicles lift the same. Although the BBMP has tasked contractors who carry out a door-to-door collection to pick up waste on every street, this has not been implemented on the ground in many places.

Maniamma, a civic worker from Shivajinagar, speaking to *The Hindu* said, for the past two years, she has been using mats to pull waste in the absence of pushcarts. "It is difficult to work every day without necessary equipment due to which I have been suffering from back pain and chest pain." In the area where she works, there are about 1,000 houses and the volume of waste dumped on the blackspots is high. Sometimes, it takes long hours to complete the work.

In June 2019, the BBMP called an Expression of Interest (EoI) to purchase one lakh jumbo bags and 2,000 pushcarts. However, according to Nirmala M., President, BBMP Pourakarmikara Sangha, this was withdrawn due to some technical issues. In 2019, old pushcarts were not in usable condition due to which the civic workers started the practice of mats and cardboards. There are about 15,000 pourakarmikas working in Bengaluru.

Ms. Nirmala said, "Despite multiple letters written to the BBMP by the association, seeking the supply of equipment, no action was taken. On the other hand, many contractors refuse to collect waste collected by the workers from the streets. The vehicle operators demand the workers to transport waste from multiple streets to one designated place in their area of operation. The civic workers have no option but to continue like this."

Maitreyi Krishnan of BBMP Pourakarmikara Sangha said, "Non-supply of resources is an assault on the dignity of labour of the civic workers. The association has been demanding the BBMP opt for mechanised pushcarts to ease workers' burden. Neither BBMP is taking action against the contractors who are refusing to lift waste, nor workers are provided with mechanised carts. The workers are facing health issues due to this poor practice."

A BBMP official said in some areas, bags have been provided to deposit waste and contractors are instructed regularly to deliver their responsibilities. "The BBMP will look into the same and soon will resolve the issue," said an official.

Youth assaulted in Bankal, Mudigere taluk

The Hindu Bureau
SHIVAMOGGA

A youth was allegedly attacked by a group of people at Banakal in Mudigere taluk early on Friday morning.

Ajith Pujari, a resident of Indira Nagar in the village, allegedly entered a lady's residence in the same locality around 3.30 a.m. The neighbours, who came to know about his visit to the lady's house, pulled him out and allegedly assaulted him. He was hiding in the kitchen when the neighbours entered, according to the locals.

Ajith, who suffered injuries to his head and chest, has been admitted to a government hospital in Mudigere. He told the media that a group of Muslim people assaulted him because he was a Hindu and worked for the BJP during the recent elections. He has named five people who allegedly assaulted him.

Chikmagaluru SP Uma Prashanth told mediapersons, "Ajith Pujari visited a Muslim lady's house in the early morning, which was objected to by the neighbours. They pushed Ajith and beat him up".

The police would register the cases based on the statements of both sides.

FIR against Ashwath Narayan transferred to Mandya Rural police

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The FIR registered against former Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan for allegedly making a provocative statement against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has been transferred to Mandya Rural police station.

The FIR had been registered by Devaraja police station based on a complaint given by Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee spokesman M. Lakshmana on Wednesday.

In the complaint, Mr. Lakshmana had cited Mr. Ashwath Narayan's alleged statement made in Satanoor village of Mandya district on February 15 when the former Minister reportedly provoked the people to "kill" Mr. Siddaramaiah like "Uri Gowda" and "Nanje Gowda" had killed Tipu Sultan. Though Mr. Lakshmana filed a complaint with the Devaraja police on February 17, two days after the former Minister made the statement, no FIR had been lodged.

However, the FIR was lodged on Wednesday when a Congress delegation submitted the complaint again, while seeking an update on its earlier complaint.

Arrest sought

After the case was transferred to Mandya Rural police station, Mr. Lakshmana said he had demanded the arrest of Mr. Ashwath Narayan, who has been booked under Sections 506 and 153 of the IPC. Mr. Lakshmana has threatened to stage a protest outside the Mandya Rural police station on Sunday if the police did not arrest Mr. Ashwath Narayan in the next 24 hours.

Mango Mela

A variety of mangoes on display at the Mango Mela at Lalbagh HOPCOMS centre, in Bengaluru on Friday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Realtor murdered in Dharwad; one assailant dies too

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

In a ghastly incident, a real estate businessman was hacked to death at Kamalapur in Dharwad late on Thursday night. And, one of the assailants too was found dead a few hundred metres away from the house of the realtor.

The deceased realtor, Mohammed Kudachi, who reportedly was an associate of history-sheeter Fruit Irfan, was hacked to death by a group of five people in his bedroom.

Another man whose body was found a few hundred metres away from the residence of Mohammed Kudachi has been identified as Ganesh Salunke of Mundgod in Uttara Kannada.

The history-sheeter, Fruit Irfan, was shot dead in broad daylight in Hubballi over two years ago.

The attack took place on Thursday night when Mohammed Kudachi was resting after having dinner with a friend. The group of five people barged into his bedroom and hacked him to death.

According to sources, there was also an attempt to shoot at him, which bullet reportedly missed the target.

Initially, it was assumed that the group had also attacked Ganesh Salunke, who was found dead near Mohammed Kudachi's residence.

But later it turned out that he was part of the gang which attacked the realtor. He is said to have suffered grievous injury on his thigh when his own gang members attacked the victim.

Although he fled along with the gang members, he reportedly could not go much far, fell to the ground and later, died of the injury.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division, 3rd Main Road, 1st Floor, Shasakara Bhavan, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-560 040.

No.:EE(VJN)/AE/TN/GL-01/2023-24 Date:26.05.2023

CORRIGENDUM-1

Ref. : Tender Notification **No.:EE(VJN)/AE/TEND/GL-01/2023-24 dtd:19.05.2023,** with reference to the above tender Notification, due to technical reasons the calendar of events for the works at Sl. No. 01 & 02 are here by postponed and are as follows.
1) Tender documents may be downloaded from **26.05.2023 onwards** from e-procurement website **2)** Last date for submission of bids: **02.06.2023 upto 04.00 p.m. 3)** Date of opening of technical bids: **03.06.2023 at 04.30 p.m.** All other terms & conditions remain unchanged.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Vijayanagar Division.

Government of Karnataka
KARNATAKA FOREST DEPARTMENT
HONNAVAR DIVISION, HONNAVAR

No. B1/DTS/June-2023/MSTC/CR-01/2023-24 Date: 15.05.2023

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Deputy Conservator of Forests, Honavar Division
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Sd/- (Ravishankar C., IFS)
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Sd / -, Executive Engineer(C), Postal Civil Division Bangalore- 560032.

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Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited ('Encore ARC'), acting in its capacity of being Trustee of EARC-Bank-022-Trust, has acquired all rights, titles and interests of Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd in the financial asset pertaining to loan accounts detailed below originated by Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd under section 5 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act, 2002) vide Assignment Agreement dated **16-10-2020.**
And whereas, Authorised Officer of Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules), had issued demand notices calling upon the Borrowers to repay the amount as detailed below together with further interest at contractual rate and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices:
(1) Demand Notice No. **BCB/KHR/Legal & Recovery/788/2019 dated 23.10.2019** issued to **(i) Mr. Harish Bhoja Mulki Prop. M/s Grand Krishna Rooms & (ii) Late Shri NM Annaiah, now represented by his legal heirs (i) Shri NA Venugopal, & (ii) Shri NA Ravigopal** to repay various dues as detailed below:

Sl NO	Loan Account Number	Borrowers / Co-borrowers	O/s Dues mentioned in Demand Notice (INR)	Outstanding Dues as on 07.02.2023_ (INR)
1	002133510066223	Mr Harish Bhoja Mulki Prop. M/s Grand Krishna Rooms & Late Shri N M Annaiah represented by legal heirs (i) Shri NA Venugopal, & (ii) Shri NA Ravigopal	Rs. 55,33,519.00/- as on 29.09.2019	Rs. 92,47,902.00/-
2	002133510066287	Mr Harish Bhoja Mulki Prop. M/s Grand Krishna Rooms & Late Shri N M Annaiah represented by legal heirs (i) Shri NA Venugopal, & (ii) Shri NA Ravigopal	Rs. 64,10,929.00/- as on 27.09.2019	Rs. 1,06,98,401.00/-
3	002133510066409	Mr Harish Bhoja Mulki Prop. M/s Grand Krishna Rooms & Late Shri N M Annaiah represented by legal heirs (i) Shri NA Venugopal, & (ii) Shri NA Ravigopal	Rs. 1,83,71,709.22/- as on 28.09.2019	Rs. 3,06,63,143.00/-
4	002133510066427	Mr Harish Bhoja Mulki Prop. M/s Grand Krishna Rooms & Late Shri N M Annaiah represented by legal heirs (i) Shri NA Venugopal, & (ii) Shri NA Ravigopal	Rs. 1,05,78,140.00/- as on 27.09.2019	Rs. 1,76,58,625.00/-
		TOTAL	Rs. 4,08,94,297.22/-	Rs. 6,82,68,071.00/-

(2). Demand Notice No. BCB/KHR/Legal & Recovery/789/2019 dated **23.10.2019** issued to (i) Mr. Dilip Bhoja Salian Prop. Hotel Golden Bell, (ii) Mr. Harsh Bhoja Mulki, & (iii) Mrs Gunavathi Harish Mulki to repay various dues, including as detailed below:

Sl NO	Loan Account Number	Borrowers / Co-borrowers	O/s Dues mentioned in Demand Notice (INR)	Outstanding Dues as on 07.02.2023_ (INR)
1	002133570000016	Mr Dilip Bhoja Salian Prop. Hotel Golden Bell, Mr Harish Bhoja Mulki, Mrs Gunavathi Harish Mulki & Mr N.M. Annaiah (Since no more, represented by his legal heirs Mr NA Venugopal & Mr NA Ravigopal)	Rs. 6,72,94,341/- as on 17.10.2019	Rs. 10,45,27,453/-

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given by the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Encore ARC, to the Borrowers and the public in general that the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the properties described in Schedule below ('said property') in exercise of powers conferred on me under sub-section (4) of section 13 of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on **23.05.2023**
The property detailed in Schedule below has been mortgaged by Late **Mr N.M. Annaiah (Since no more, now represented by his legal heirs Mr NA Venugopal & Mr NA Ravigopal)** to secure dues in the accounts **(i) 002133510066223, (ii) 002133510066287, (iii) 002133510066409, & (iv) 002133510066427** detailed above, however, Encore ARC, reserves rights to appropriate surplus sale proceeds, if any, towards mortgagor's other liabilities by exercising right of lien/set off.
The Borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited for amount detailed above together with further interest with effect from **08.02.2023** and other admissible costs and expenses.
The Borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
This notice is issued in supersession of earlier Possession Notice, if any, issued by Assignor Bank i.e. Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd, which has stood withdrawn hereby.

SCHEDULE
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of land bearing Site No.77 (formed out of Sy No.11/6), Situated on Hosur Main Road, Near Ayyappa Temple, Madiwala, Bangalore- 560068, totally land admeasuring 16,642.75 Sq.ft, along with Commercial building known as " The Grand Krishna Rooms " consisting Ground Floor, First Floor, Second and Third Floor building totally admeasuring 24,660 Sq.ft property owned by Late Mr.N.M.Annaiah and bounded as follows : East : Hosur Road, West: Property of Sri A D Kumaraswamy, North : Sy No.12/6 Road, South : 6 Feet Vide Road

Date: 23.05.2023
Place: Bangalore

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Authorized Officer
Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Pvt. Ltd

Ministry of Communications, Department of Posts, Civil Wing

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No.: DDSWDD/S.H./F.I./Tender/CR-09/2023-24 Date: 23.05.2023

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1	Davanagere	681.35	10.22	23.05.2023	22.06.2023	30 Days
2	Channagiri	189.00	2.83		07.06.2023	15 DAYS
3	Jagaluru	152.00	2.28			15 DAYS
4	Honnali	149.64	2.00			15 DAYS
5	Harihara	111.5	1.67			15 DAYS
	Total	1283.49	19.00			

Time Period of Tender and further information can be obtained from www.proc.karnataka.gov.in For further details the above office may be contacted during office hours. Office Phone No.: 08192-231782.

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Sd/- Deputy Director, Social Welfare Department, Davanagere.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from Mr. Varun Somani and Mrs Kantha Somaniwho claims absolute ownership on the basis of the sale deed dated: 20.07.2009 bearing No.BNG(U)-BMH-1696-2009-10and represented that they have uninhibited rights of alienation over the same. If Any person/s, or entity having any claim/s, interest/s or right/s over the said Property in any manner, may lodge their claims/objections in writing with relevant records with the undersigned within a period of 10 days from the date of this publication. In the absence of any such claim/s or objection/s within the stipulated period, our client willproceed to complete the transaction believing that there is no objection/s or claim/s for the intended transaction from anybody.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Properties, bearing Sy.No.159/2 measuring 1Acre 08Guntas, Sy.No.159/3 measuring 2Acres and Sy.No.155/2 measuring 2Acres 05Guntas, totally admeasuring to an extent of 5Acres 13Guntas or 231957 Sq.Ft., or 21549.49 Sq.Mtrs., all situated at Bilekanahalli (Bilekahalli) Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now bearing BBM Katha No.299/299/155/2/159/2/159/3 and bounded on –
East by : Private Property
West by : Road
North by : Portion of Sy. No. 159/3 and Sy. No. 155/1
South by : Road and Property bearing Sy. No. 155/3

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.Nos.159/2, 159/3 and 155/2. totally admeasuring to an extent of 4Acres 39.22Guntas or 21,957sq.ft. or 20155.96 Sq.Mtrs. situated at Bilekanahalli (Bilekahalli) Village. Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on –
East by : Property measuring 15,000 sq.ft in the Schedule 'A' Property retained by Mr. M Gopal
West by : Road
North by : Portion of property bearing No. Sy. No. 159/3
South by : Private Property

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY
(Property hereby agreedto be sold to the Purchaser)
1153.57 Sq.ft., of undivided share, right, title, interest, and ownership in the Schedule 'B' Property

SCHEDULE 'D' PROPERTY
(Description of the Apartment)
All that Residential Apartment bearing No.1103, on the Eleventh Floor, "A" Block in the Project "ADARSH RHYTHM" constructed in the Schedule 'B' Property, measuring 2992 Sq.Ft., of super built-up area, with terrace area of 513 Sq.ft inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases, and other areas of common use with Two (2) basement car Parking Space one behind the other.

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What do retirement homes offer?

Senior living communities promise round-the-clock services to their residents. Healthcare, peace of mind and emotional support are customised for a price, says **Mohit Nirula**

COVER

Communities designed, managed and operated to fulfil the needs of senior citizens are a relatively new industry in India. Senior living communities fulfil an acute need for senior citizens living on their own. Well managed communities encourage social interaction and guard against loneliness.

The number of senior citizens is growing exponentially every year (India adds five to six million senior citizens every year). From 2018 till now, there has been a significant rise and it's predicted that every fifth Indian in 2050 is going to be a senior citizen.

Senior living communities are already becoming the preferred option for seniors staying on their own. It is important that we understand this fast growing, high demand segment and where it is heading for. Senior living communities are described on the basis of the services they offer their residents.

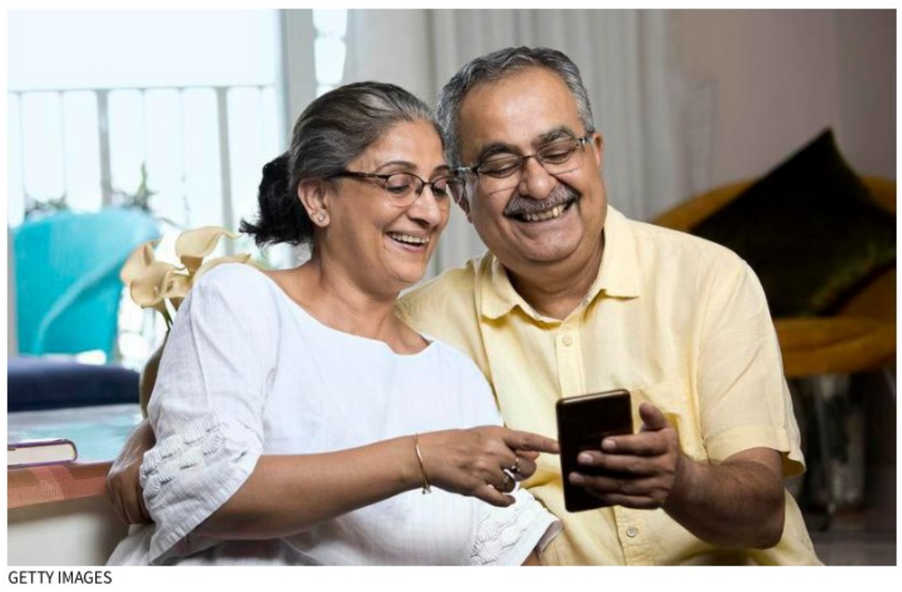
Independent living communities

People in the West must carry out daily chores on their own. This includes home upkeep and cleaning, maintenance, gardening, cooking, washing clothes, utensils, etc. As they age, even the smallest task becomes a challenge. In India, getting support from individuals, neighbours and authorised agencies, isn't a big bother. If safety aspects are in place, the rest of what is required is met. However, sometimes, dependence on third-parties comes with its incumbent compromise on quality and reliability. Hence, residents of independent living communities in India can depend on a single service provider to fulfil all these needs.

In India, good senior living communities must also give residents and their loved ones staying far away, the peace of mind that comes with having 24x7 paramedical support on property. Access to immediate and trained healthcare and relationships with the nearest hospitals is an important service in such communities. In addition, carefully and scientifically designed activities ensure that residents remain physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually and intellectually engaged, thereby enjoying good health for longer.

Homes in senior living communities are normally generous in size. The master bedroom and bathroom are designed to facilitate easy movement within the available space. Seniors do not prefer multiple bedrooms and bathrooms; they choose to live in single bedroom accommodations.

Depending on their location, within the micro-markets of the cities in which they are developed, homes



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in independent living communities are able to command a premium both on sale and rent on account of the gap between supply and demand. Furthermore, the ticket price per home is higher than a standard residential home on account of the much larger common and clubhouse spaces provided within the community for social engagement and activities.

Assisted living communities

With longer life expectancy and people living well into their 80s and 90s, daily activities such as bathing and getting ready, bladder control and being able to use the toilet, eating food and remembering to take the correct medication, being able to walk unassisted etc. become difficult over time. For these residents, quality and reliability of caregivers and access to social interaction becomes even more important.

Assisted living communities, where residents or their children can take the accommodation on rent (instead of investing in a home), present an ideal solution for both the individual and their children to ensure that life is both comfortable and fulfilling for the resident.

Accommodation in assisted living communities in India are normally available on rent ranging from ₹50,000 - ₹1,00,000 per month depending on the location of the community within the city, the level of services on offer and the quantum of care required by the resident. This amount normally will include rent, all meals, standard caregiving services and activities of social engagement.

These facilities are ideally suited for residents who need a higher level of nursing and medical care. This could be on account of rehabilitation post a trauma/accident or surgery. Such patients will spend their time at the community getting stronger and getting the necessary medical support and therapy to return to their homes well adapted and strengthened to continue life independently.

The physiotherapy and nursing sessions could cost

Lack of quality healthcare and safety, tackling boredom, managing household help and cooking every day are some of the inconveniences a senior living space solves

ADARSH NARAHARI
Managing Director,
Primus Senior Living

up to ₹1,00,000 per month but the fact that such residents can return to a complete and fulfilling lifestyle to their own homes within 6 - 12 weeks is priceless. In some cases, these facilities are useful for patients who cannot benefit from further treatment and hence provide end of life support.

Continued care communities

As stated before, many of these terms are used more in the West, where these communities are differentiated by the licensing and regulation requirements of those countries. Continued care living communities is one such unique category. As the level of care and medical attention required by an individual increases, the facilities that can offer these services need higher levels of compliance to regulations.

Hence, in the West, - especially in the U.S., a community that has these levels of "stepped up" care available within the same property can apply for and after the mandatory inspections be licensed as a Continued Care Community. The advantage that such communities offer is that they do not need to move to different communities/locations as their need for higher levels of care and nursing increases.

On the other hand, India is still in the initial stages of the development of this industry. We also have the advantage in India of access to relatively more affordable levels of caregivers and paramedical support. Consequently, residents of independent living communities can expect to be provided with the support and assistance they require as their needs change over time – without ever having to move out of their homes. Hence, well managed independent living communities in India should be able to adapt their service offerings to meet the evolving needs of their residents.

While the genesis of these terms and categories is in the West, given the difference in our cultures and lifestyle, these terms need to be adapted to and not simply adopted.

(The writer is CEO, Columbia Pacific Communities)

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'This election decided future of the country'

"This was not a normal election, it was an election that decided the future of this country," said academic-turned-political activist Yogendra Yadav, participating in a felicitation programme organised by Eddelu Karnataka (Wake up Karnataka), a civil society collective, on Friday to mark the death anniversary of freedom fighter H.S. Doreswamy for all its workers that were involved in spreading voter awareness across the State.

Eddelu Karnataka had campaigned against the BJP in the recently concluded Assembly election. The members of the organisation said their grassroot work helped Congress emerge victorious.

The campaign, led by writer Devanur Mahadeva, identified about 103 constituencies to work in. In these segments, the volunteers suggested candidates capable of defeating BJP. The campaign also focused on increasing voter turnout of secular voters.

9 to become Ministers for first time

Laxmi Hebbalkar will be the only woman in the 34-member Cabinet, which has a fair representation in terms of castes and communities

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Congress government in Karnataka is all set to get its second expansion with the swearing-in ceremony of 24 Ministers at the Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru on Saturday.

One not a member

Of the 24, 23 are MLAs and N.S. Boseraju is not a member of either House of the legislature. The Cabinet will reach its full strength of 34 after 24 Ministers take oath at 11.45 a.m.

Laxmi Hebbalkar, elected from Belagavi Rural constituency, is the lone woman MLA to make it to the Ministry headed by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. The MLAs to take oath from Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot on Saturday are: H.K. Patil, Krishna Byre Gowda, N. Cheluvarayaswamy, K. Venkatesh, H.C. Mahadevappa, Eshwar Khandre, K.N. Rajanna, Dinesh Gundu Rao, Sharanabasappa Darshanapur, Shivananda Patil, Thimmapur Ramappa Balappa, S.S. Mallikarjun, Shivaraj Tangadagi, Sharanaprakash Rudrappa Patil, Mankal Vaidya, Laxmi Hebbalkar, Rahim Khan, D. Sudhakar, Santosh S. Lad, Byrathi Suresh, Madhu Bangarappa, M.C. Sudhakar, and B. Nagendra.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar with Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi at their residence in New Delhi on Friday.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

AICC secretary Mr. Boseraju had served as two-time MLA and one-time MLC, though he is currently not a member of either House. A good number of loyalists of Mr. Siddaramaiah appear to have made it to the Ministry. Ms. Hebbalkar, Mr. Venkatesh, Mr. Byrathi Suresh, Mr. Madhu Bangarappa, Mr. Sudhakar, Mr. Mankal Vaidya, Mr. Rajanna, Mr. Boseraju, and Mr. Nagendra will become Ministers for the first time.

In the 34-member Cabinet, there are six Vokkaligas, eight Veerashaiva-Lingayats, six OBCs, six from Scheduled Castes, three from Scheduled Tribes, two Muslims and one each from Jain, Brahmin and Christian communities. MLAs belonging to various sects within the Veerashaiva-Lingayat have been accommodated. The allocations have been made to various sections keeping in mind the next year's Lok Sabha elections, which was a hard balancing act.

After several rounds of talks with party's Central leaders, Mr. Siddaramaiah and his deputy D.K. Shivakumar reached a consensus on names. On Saturday last, Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar and eight Ministers had taken oath in the first round. However, there has been no allocation of portfolios, which has drawn flak from the BJP. The Congress had countered it making a reference to the weeks during the 2019 floods when the then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa was the only Minister in the Cabinet.

Those left out

Senior leader and MLC B.K. Hariprasad was reportedly upset for denying him berth. Former Deputy Chief Minister Laxam Savadi who quit the BJP and joined the Congress just ahead of polls did not make it. Prominent among those who missed out are also T.B. Jayachandra and R.V. Deshpande.

Puttaranga Shetty is Dy. Speaker

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MLA and former Minister C. Puttaranga Shetty is the Congress candidate for the Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly. He defeated former Minister V. Somanna (BJP) in Chamarajanagar constituency in the 2023 elections. Mr. Puttaranga Shetty's candidature for the Deputy Speaker's post has been approved by AICC chief M. Mallikarjun Kharge, said the party's sources.

Congress govt. will collapse if it bans RSS, Bajrang Dal: BJP

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> I just want to tell those in the Congress government that your ministerial cars with beacon lights will have to be returned in such an eventuality as your government will collapse within three months.
>
> **R. ASHOK**
> BJP leader

Taking exception to the Congress leaders talking about the possibility of banning RSS and Bajrang Dal, the Opposition BJP has warned that the Congress government will not survive "even for three months" if they went ahead with it.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru on Friday, BJP senior leader R. Ashok challenged the Congress dispensation to ban the right-wing organisations if it had courage. "I just want to tell those in the Congress government that your ministerial cars with beacon lights will have to be returned in such an eventuality as your government will collapse within three months."

Responding to a question, Minister Priyank Kharge, earlier this week, had said that any organisation, including RSS and Bajrang Dal, would be banned "if they caused disturbance to peace."

PM too from RSS

Responding to this, Mr. Ashok described RSS and Bajrang Dal as "voice of Hindus." "They stand by Hindus when their feelings are hurt," he claimed. The President of the country, Prime Minister and Union Home Minister are from RSS, he said.

He further alleged that the Congress was raising such an issue "to appease PFI, SDPI and Amnesty India International."

Mr. Ashok maintained that the Congress was raising these issues to divert public attention from its "failure to effectively implement its poll guarantees."

Though the Congress had said that it would implement all its poll guarantees within 24 hours of coming to power, the guarantees are yet to reach people even 240 hours after formation of the government, he alleged.

He took exception to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar now trying to introduce conditions for implementation of all the guarantees.

"The Congress leaders have forgotten about their commitment to guarantees. They are fighting for guarantee of portfolios rather than people's guarantees," he remarked.

On the lines of the JD (S), Mr. Ashok too called upon people not to pay electricity bills up to consumption of 200 units and appealed to women not to take tickets while travelling in KSRTC's ordinary buses to bring pressure on the government.

Gaurav Gupta gets concurrent charge

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Additional Chief Secretary to Energy Department Gaurav Gupta has been placed in concurrent charge of the post of ACS, Infrastructure Development Department.

Mr. Gupta has also been placed in the concurrent charge of the post of Managing Director, Karnataka Power Corporation Limited.

This is being seen as an effort to give him complete control over all sectors in the Energy Department which is turning out to be a crucial department in the wake of the new government's decision to provide 200 units of free power to all households.

Another posting

Meanwhile, Pankaj Kumar Pandey, Secretary to the Commerce and Industries Department, has been placed in concurrent charge of the post of Secretary to the Tourism Department.

Kumaraswamy accuses Congress of winning election through malpractice in 45 to 50 seats

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Accusing the Congress of winning the Assembly polls through malpractice by distributing coupons worth ₹ 3,000 to ₹ 5,000 in 45 to 50 Assembly seats, JD (S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy on Friday dared Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to order an inquiry into the alleged malpractice.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru, Mr. Kumaraswamy also appealed to the Election Commission of India to conduct a probe.

He said such a malpractise was the reason for the defeat of his son Nikhil Kumaraswamy in Ramanagara constituency. "Coupons with QR codes bearing ₹ 3,000 to ₹ 5,000 had been distributed among voters just before the commencement of polling," he alleged, displaying such coupons at the press conference.

He alleged that such coupons had been offered on a condition that voters can exchange them for articles in certain malls and shopping complexes if the Congress candidate wins. He claimed that such coupons had been distributed in nearly 50 Assembly constituencies including Ramanagara, Magadi and Rajarajeshwarinagar.

Answering a query, he said Mr. C.M. Ibrahim, who has resigned as party State president, would be continued in that post. Mr. Ibrahim intervened and announced that Mr. Nikhil Kumaraswamy, who has tendered resignation to the post of party State youth wing president, would also be continued.

Parliament inauguration

Meanwhile, the party national executive that had a detailed discussion on the invitation extended to former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda to attend the inauguration of Parliament building, endorsed the decision of Mr. Gowda to attend the event, Mr. Kumaraswamy said. Referring to the allegations by Congress that President Droupadi Murmu, who belongs to the tribal community, had been insulted, Mr. Kumaraswamy wondered why it did not occur to the Congress when it fielded Yashwant Sinha against her in the presidential polls.

Deve Gowda to lead national farmers' struggle

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Janata Dal (Secular) national executive has adopted a resolution to take up a nationwide farmers' struggle under the leadership of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda. JD (S) leader from Kerala and Minister Krishnan Kutty moved a resolution to this effect, which was unanimously approved by the national executive, according to former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy.

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Literary critic G.H. Nayak dead

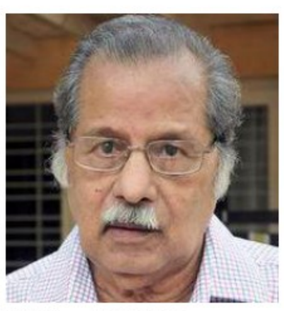
The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Noted literary critic G.H. Nayak passed away at his residence in Mysuru on Friday afternoon.

Mr. Nayak, 88, leaves behind his wife Meera, daughter Keerthi and a granddaughter.

Born in Surve in Uttara Kannada district's Ankola taluk in 1935, Mr. Nayak taught Kannada at the University of Mysore's Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies from where he retired as a professor.

A recipient of several awards, including Central Sahitya Akademi award and State's Pampa award, Mr. Nayak's body of work comprises *Samakaleena, Anivarya, Nirapekshe, Nijadani, Vinaya Vimarshe, Sakalika* and *Uttarardha.*



G.H. Nayak FILE PHOTO

Well known in literary circles as G.H. Nayak, his full name is Govindaraya Hammanna Nayak. He had also brought out his autobiography titled "Baalu".

His last rites will be performed in Mysuru on Saturday.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has condoled the death of Mr. Nayak. In a condolence message, Mr. Siddaramaiah has described Mr. Nayak as a "progressive thinker" and a person with "human values".

President of Mysuru District Congress Committee B.J. Vijaykumar too has condoled Mr. Nayak's death. He said Mr. Nayak was a guide for the principled agitations taken up by progressive groups in Mysuru region.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

5th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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Years have passed (27-05-2018) since you left us.
However you are still living within us and we will be inspired by you forever. You are irreplaceable.
Forever with love :
Daughters, Grand Children & Great Grand Children

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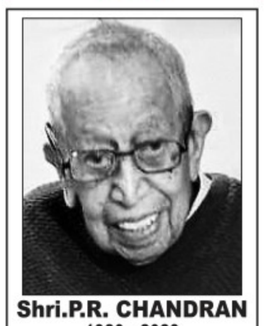

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REMEMBRANCE

In Fond Remembrance of
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On his Birth Centenary
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SC stays HC order to release Gangi Reddy on bail

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday stayed a Telangana High Court order to release Yerra Gangi Reddy – the prime accused in the Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy murder case – on bail on July 1.

A Bench passed the order on a petition filed by the victim's daughter. She said the HC had first cancelled the accused's bail, asking him to surrender on May 5, only to add that he be sent on bail on July 1. The CBI, which is probing the former A.P. Minister's murder, said the HC order was a "bad precedent".

Income Tax officials attacked in Karur during searches

Four senior I-T officials were admitted to the Government Medical College Hospital in Karur

C. Jaisankar
KARUR

Income Tax officials faced a hostile reaction from alleged supporters of Tamil Nadu Minister for Electricity, Excise and Prohibition V. Senthilbalaji on Friday, when they reached the premises of his brother, V. Ashok Kumar, and his acquaintances in Karur district to conduct searches. Some officials were allegedly manhandled and a vehicle was vandalised.

Four senior I-T officials, including Inspector of Income Tax Gayathiri, were admitted to the Government Medical College Hospital in Karur. They reportedly suffered minor injuries in the attack. A Deputy Director and an Assistant Director of Income Tax filed separate complaints with the Karur police.

Sources said that about 50 officials, led by a Deputy Director of Income Tax (Investigation), reached their assigned locations in Karur city around 5.30 a.m.

Armed with search warrants, they entered the premises of DMK men and government contractors closely associated with Mr. Senthilbalaji. The house of Mr. Ashok Kumar at Ramakrishnapuram was among the premises where searches were carried out.

A high drama played out in front of Mr. Ashok Kumar's house, where a large number of DMK workers and Mr. Senthilbalaji's supporters gathered when the search was under way. They opposed the searches and raised slogans against the Central government. They entered into heated arguments with the officials who were part of the team that searched the house of Mr. Ashok Kumar. Insisting that Ms. Gayathiri produce her identity card, the supporters gheraoed her when she tried to enter the house. They did not allow her to enter the house even after she revealed her identity and confronted her.

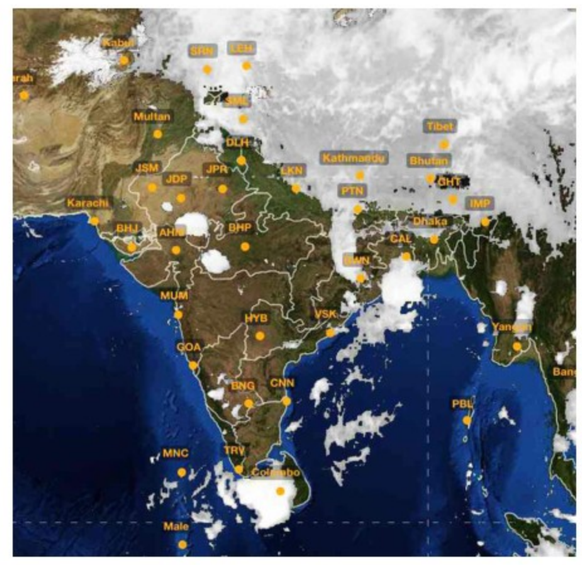
They allegedly confined her for more than 30 minutes. In the melee, a few persons were alleged to have manhandled her. The angry protesters also stoned a vehicle, damaging its windscreen and mirrors.

On information, the police rushed to the spot and held negotiations with the protesters. The DMK men dispersed at the insistence of Mr. Senthilbalaji, who was in Chennai.

Sources said the officials faced a similar situation at five other places. The protesters refused to allow them into the houses and the offices, forcing them to withdraw.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 19.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, coastal Andhra Pradesh, coastal Karnataka, Puducherry, Karaikal and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	6	35.0	22.2	Kozhikode	—	34.0	27.1
Ahmedabad	—	41.2	28.5	Kurnool	—	39.7	28.0
Aizawl	22	34.0	16.6	Lucknow	10	31.2	20.6
Allahabad	—	35.3	23.0	Madurai	—	39.8	26.8
Bengaluru	—	31.9	22.0	Mangaluru	—	34.6	25.4
Bhopal	—	—	22.4	Mumbai	—	34.1	26.8
Bhubaneswar	—	37.2	22.9	Mysuru	—	35.7	21.8
Chandigarh	9	32.4	22.6	New Delhi	2	34.9	20.5
Chennai	—	41.2	29.0	Patna	1	37.0	24.2
Coimbatore	—	34.8	25.0	Port Blair	—	33.2	25.5
Dehradun	3	32.6	17.8	Puducherry	—	40.2	29.0
Gangtok	20	21.8	14.4	Pune	—	36.8	24.9
Goa	—	35.0	26.5	Raipur	—	42.0	27.2
Guwahati	19	32.4	20.0	Ranchi	3	35.2	21.0
Hubballi	—	36.0	23.0	Shillong	15	23.0	14.5
Hyderabad	—	38.0	27.9	Shimla	4	22.2	11.6
Imphal	9	30.2	19.9	Srinagar	12	19.2	9.4
Jaipur	32	30.6	17.3	Thiruvananthapuram	3	32.4	25.2
Kochi	—	30.6	26.8	Tiruchi	—	39.3	28.4
Kohima	9	22.4	14.4	Vijayawada	—	39.7	29.8
Kolkata	12	35.5	22.5	Visakhapatnam	11	31.6	25.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	8	—	7	161	205	
Bengaluru	26	11	101	55	67	
Chennai	3	116	113	91	80	
Delhi	18	166	37	37	137	
Hyderabad	12	10	43	61	74	
Kolkata	9	18	20	32	47	
Lucknow	6	41	37	40	100	
Mumbai	38	36	21	56	52	
Pune	97	220	80	416	—	
Visakhapatnam	17	52	44	76	109	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Pune, Maharashtra recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 232 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

To sir, with love: a tale of Kerala-Bhutan relations

Aparna Nair
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Land of the Thunder Dragon may be 3,000 kilometres away from God's Own Country, but from the 1960s, Bhutan has had a special place in the hearts of many Keralites who have taught there.

Till the 1950s, monasteries on jagged hilltops doubled as schools in the reclusive Himalayan nation. After a new government policy was introduced to change this situation, a Bhutanese delegation came to Kerala in 1962 to recruit teachers.

Since then, not less than 15,000 teachers from Kerala have worked in different parts of Bhutan, as per the Indo-Bhutan Friendship Association.

Among the first to be recruited were V. James and his wife Kochuthresiyamma, who started their teaching career in Bhutan's capital Thimphu, but later went on to work in tougher terrains like Wangdue Phodrang, a district in central Bhutan.

Their daughter Saji Thankappan recalls her father setting up schools in difficult regions. "My mother had to even wash up the kids before bringing them to schools," she reminisces.

Venunadhan Pillai's turn came in the 1980s. Bhutan came to him as an experience to cherish, starting with his first trip to reach his workplace in Pawgong in the southwestern part of the Himalayan country; it involved a 70-hour train ride, some off-roading, and plodding on tracks along steep gradients. In that remote locale, he found a new life and made new friends.

Strong bond: Indian and Bhutanese teachers with their students during an educational exchange programme. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"The kids spoke Dzongkha, the native language, and we spoke English. What linked us was their innocence and our enthusiasm to reach out to them," Mr. Pillai recalls. His memories of his 10-year term in Bhutan are in the process of being recorded in a book.

Now teaching at the Asian College of Journalism in Chennai, Devadas Rajaram's memories of his Bhutan stint include his meeting with the former king who had a high regard for teachers from Kerala. "We feel the love even now; recently, I was added to a social media group of the students I taught 29 years ago," he says.

Thinning workforce

Pradeep K., returning to school after holidaying with family in Kannur, is among the thinning force of Malayali teachers still in Bhutan.

"If in the 60s, the Keralite teacher headcount was about 60% of the workforce, now it is around 30%. Now, there are only less than 150 teachers from Kerala working here," says Mr. Pradeep.

There may be fewer teachers from Kerala in future, but most Bhutanese youth have fond memories of their childhood years spent with the Malayali teachers who taught them Maths and English. One such student was Choki Wangchuk, who now runs a travel agency in Paro in eastern Bhutan. "Times were tough yet they gave us the best. I hope they took back good memories," he says.

Kerala hotelier murdered, body cut and dumped in suitcases

The Hindu Bureau
MALAPPURAM/PALAKKAD

A police investigation into a man missing case has unravelled a cold-blooded murder of a hotelier from Tirur in Malappuram district of Kerala.

The police found the body of 59-year-old Siddique Mechery – cut in halves and stuffed in two suitcases – from a deep gorge on the Attappady ghat road on Friday. Siddique, who owns a hotel in Kozhikode, was missing since May 18.

Three arrested

The police arrested three people, including an 18-year-old woman, in connection with the murder.

The police suspect Siddique was murdered at Hotel De Casa Inn at Eranhipalam, Kozhikode, either on May 18 or 19.

Siddique's son filed a complaint after he became unreachable and money was being debited from his bank account since May 19. An investigation on the basis of the cash withdrawal helped the police zero in on the culprits.

The police said Siddique checked in at the hotel on May 18 along with Shibili, 22, and the 18-year-old woman. Shibili was an employee at Siddique's hotel, but was fired for misconduct. Shibili had faced a POCSO case for abusing the same woman when she was aged 12. However, both have been in a relationship since then.

The two were arrested from Chennai on Thursday night. They were reportedly planning to leave for Guwahati. Their friend Ashique, 23, was also arrested.

Unexpected showers

Caught off guard in the rain, commuters seek shelter in a cement pipe in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh, on Friday. K.V.S. GIRI

Arikompan could be looking for a way back, say experts

Sandeep Vellaram
IDUKKI

With Arikompan roaming mostly near Kumily, speculation is rife that the translocated wild tusker is looking for a way back to Chinnakkanal, its original habitat. According to Forest Department sources, the connected forests and the present path of Arikompan indicate that the tusker is on his way back.

According to Forest Department officials, Arikompan reached within 100 metres of a human habitation at Rosapookandam, near Kumily town, around 11 p.m. on Thursday. Noticing the presence of the tusker through the satellite radio collar signals, a team led by Periyar Tiger Reserve (PTR) field director P.P. Pramod and PTR East deputy director Patil Suyog Subah Rao reached the spot and chased the tusker back to the forest.

Wild tusker Arikompan near the lower camp under the Tamil Nadu forest area on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"The tusker crossed National Highway 183 and is now roaming in the Tamil Nadu forest area, around 8 kilometres from Kumily. We cannot predict Arikompan's movement," said Mr. Pramod.

Elephant expert and High Court-appointed expert committee member P.S. Essa told *The Hindu* that the possibility of the tusker reaching its habitat cannot be ruled out.

Hornbill numbers rise in Western Ghats with tribals' help

Mini Muringatheri
THRISSUR

A community-based conservation initiative, involving the Kadar tribal community, has brought the dwindling hornbill population to a viable level in the Vazhachal forest division of the Western Ghats in Kerala.

"The hornbill nest tree monitoring programme, involving the Kadars, an indigenous community, was started in 2005 in the Vazhachal forest division with the technical support of the Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation to address the declining hornbill population and restore their vanishing nesting habitats," says K.H. Amitha Bachan, founder of the hornbill foundation and assistant professor, Department of Botany, MES Asmabi College, Kodungallur.

The unique low-elevation riparian forest in the Athirappilly-Vazhachal areas is the only location where all the four south Indian species of hornbills – the Great Hornbill (the State bird of Kerala), Malabar Pied Hornbill, Malabar Grey Hornbill and Indian Grey Hornbill – are found.

According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List, the Great Hornbill falls in a vulnerable category, while the Malabar Pied Hornbill is near-threatened.

According to observations by scientists in 2007, the Malabar Pied Hornbills were restricted to a few low-elevation locations in Kerala, says Dr. Bachan. However, the studies conducted by Dr. Bachan reported four nesting trees of the Malabar Pied Hornbill at Vazhachal. A group of youngsters from the Kadar community was roped in to be part of the mission with the support of the Forest Department. Involvement of the indigenous community and awareness programme against poaching of hornbills helped the Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation to protect and monitor the species and its nesting trees.

Malabar Pied Hornbill

There was a gradual increase in the number of successful nests, re-establishment of nests (which were abandoned due to hunting and disturbances) and formation of new nesting hollows in suitable trees. Slowly, the number of Malabar Pied Hornbills in the area increased to 100 with 12 nesting sites, points out Dr. Bachan.

Main threats

Shortage of suitable nesting trees and poaching were the main threats faced by the hornbills. Hornbill watchers of our community took the mission of protecting the nesting trees, says Geetha Vazhachal, *Oorumooppathy* (chief of the Kadar community). "The hornbills are extremely sensitive to disturbances. The hollows of high canopy trees serve as their nests. Watchers from the community monitored the trees where they made nests. We created awareness against poaching," she says.

A paper presented jointly by Devika M., Anilkumar and Dr. Bachan, a team from MES Asmabi College, at the 8th International Hornbill Conference held at Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand, recently identified the niche specificity of the Malabar Pied Hornbill which is restricted to low-elevation forests (0-500 m from mean sea level). These forests are the most converted and threatened habitat since they are close to human habitations. The study stressed the requirement of protection of riparian forest habitats with old trees with natural hollows for nesting and foraging of hornbills.

Another study published by the team identifies the low-elevation riparian forests as a 'critically endangered ecosystem.' The study says that the Forest Department should incorporate site-specific management and eco-restoration plans for the hornbills and riparian forests to check future decline of the species and its habitats.

Kejriwal to seek KCR's help against Ordinance

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao will skip the meeting of the NITI Aayog in New Delhi on Saturday. Instead, he will meet his Delhi counterpart Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday in Hyderabad.

Mr. Kejriwal has been visiting various States to seek support against the recent "unconstitutional and undemocratic" Ordinance promulgated by the Centre to create an authority to recommend transfers and appointment of Group A officials in the capital, including IAS officers.

Mob and justice

Alwar verdict flags need for stern steps to ensure justice in lynching cases

The thin line between culpable homicide and murder under Indian penal law is a subject of endless analysis, but it is not easy to accept this nuanced distinction in a case of mob lynching. A Sessions Court in Alwar district of Rajasthan has sentenced four men to a prison term of seven years for the lynching of a Muslim dairy farmer in July 2018. However, it acquitted Naval Kishore, a Vishwa Hindu Parishad functionary, for want of sufficient evidence. If one recalls the acquittal of all those tried for the 2017 murder of Pehlu Khan, who was also a victim of cow vigilantism, there is a semblance of justice for Rakbar Khan, 31, who was attacked by a mob while transporting two cows along with a friend near Lalawandi village in Alwar. The police had found Rakbar Khan with serious injuries, to which he succumbed later, presumably due to the delay in taking him for medical treatment. If one takes into account the number of attacks, some of them fatal, involving so-called cow protection gangs in various States in recent years, the record of the criminal justice system in successfully prosecuting those involved in such incidents is quite dismal. In this backdrop, the fact that the police in Alwar managed to obtain a conviction is noteworthy. However, that the assailants were found guilty only of culpable homicide not amounting to murder and wrongful restraint does raise some concern. A conviction for murder would have entailed at least life imprisonment.

Rakbar Khan's family is justly aggrieved both over the acquittal of one suspect, who they believe was the main accused, and the seven-year prison term. The police relied on some telephone conversations between the acquitted VHP leader and the assailants to rope him in as a key suspect. However, the court did not consider this adequate proof. While deciding that the fatal attack did not amount to murder, the trial court has concluded that the assailants neither intended to cause death nor knew that their assault may cause death. The prosecution is likely to take up both the "inadequate" sentence awarded to the four and the acquittal of one on appeal. Organised cow vigilantism poses a major threat to the safety and security of minorities, as well as to the maintenance of the rule of law. Despite the Supreme Court deprecating the bigotry and hate propaganda that underlie such activities, incidents of sectarian violence and vigilantism seem to go on. Both preventive and punitive measures are needed to arrest the trend, and one cannot emphasise enough the need for efficient investigation and prosecution.

A younger lot

Without Nadal, there is no clear favourite at Roland-Garros

For nearly two decades, a champion other than Rafael Nadal at Roland-Garros has been as elusive as a shadow at high noon on solar equinox. Ever since he made his debut in 2005, the legendary Spaniard has won the event a record 14 times, losing just three of his 115 matches. The occasional uprisings against his ironclad rule, mainly from Novak Djokovic, were crushed with characteristic menace; Nadal leads the Serb 8-2 on Parisian clay. French Open 2023, however, is set to herald a shift, for Nadal will miss the event for the first time since 2004 because of the hip injury that has kept him out since January. There are signs that a change of guard is in the offing in men's tennis in general. With Roger Federer retired and Djokovic out of form, the once vice-like hold of the 'Big Three' is at its weakest. Djokovic is a two-time champion and will be motivated to break the tie with Nadal on 22 Majors. But Carlos Alcaraz, the reigning World No.1 and winner of the French Open tune-up events in Barcelona and Madrid, seems primed to occupy centre stage. The 20-year-old has already established his Slam-winning credentials (2022 US Open), and a follow-up act will only embellish his status as the game's chosen one.

Challenging him will be the Scandinavian duo of No.4 Casper Ruud, who lost the 2022 summit clash to Nadal, and No.6 Holger Rune, finalist at both Monte Carlo and Rome recently. Daniil Medvedev has developed a newfound love for the red dirt following his success in Rome last week, but the Russian No.2 is at best a wild card, alongside Stefanos Tsitsipas, Andrey Rublev, Jannik Sinner, and Alexander Zverev. In contrast – and in a departure from the past – it is the women's field that wears a settled look, with Iga Swiatek, Aryna Sabalenka, and Elena Rybakina forming a dominant troika. They have swept the last four Majors and the Roland-Garros preparatory tournaments in Stuttgart, Madrid and Rome. If anything, Swiatek is just the first among equals, by virtue of being the World No.1, a two-time winner in Paris and a three-time Major champion. Tunisia's Ons Jabeur, who finished runner-up at Wimbledon and US Open in 2022, is coming back from a calf injury, but her triumphs in Madrid last year and Charleston in early April prove that she is a genuine contender. So is Czech Republic's Barbora Krejcikova, the 2021 singles and doubles champion. All of this suggests there is no clear favourite, but no dark horses either.

Sedition and its roots in rudeness as an offence

Shahrukh Alam

practises law at the Supreme Court of India

On March 30, the Lahore High Court annulled the offence of 'sedition' in the Pakistan Penal code.

Embarrassingly, around the same time in India, the police registered a series of complaints in Delhi and in Ahmedabad, and also arrested several people, including owners of the printing presses involved, for posting anti-government (and specifically, anti-Modi) posters across town. The detainees were not accused of 'sedition,' but were booked for criminal conspiracy to cause public mischief and to deface public property. The printing press is alleged to have breached some provision of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867.

A rose by any other name

The law that was struck down in Lahore is almost identical to India's Section 124A, which seeks to criminalise words that bring "into hatred or contempt, or excite disaffection" towards the government established by law. In India, too, a challenge is pending before the Supreme Court. The law is in abeyance, although not formally struck down. Yet, the logic of the law of sedition, which demands reverence to established ideas and to those who espouse them, survives. Pakistan has a thriving practice in the use of the law of blasphemy, exercised usually on its poorest citizens. India, which is secular and does not criminalise blasphemy, has a near approximation in the "hurting of sentiments." The state recently arrested actor Chetan Kumar and remanded him to 14 days in judicial custody, before granting him bail and threatening to revoke his overseas citizenship, for his tweet on Hindutva. It would seem that while constitutional courts are examining the validity of the law of sedition, its defining logic has already leaped forward and transplanted itself into several different provisions of law that criminalise speech.

Socially, we have always understood *badtameezi* (rudeness) not so much in terms of the contents of speech, but rather more in terms of who spoke and to whom. An older person could have been railing at a sullen teenager but the *badtameezi* occurs only when the teenager answers back. At my old-fashioned school in Patna, answering back was amongst the gravest of sins. This understanding of ill-mannered or offensive speech applies in the same hierarchical way to all manner of social relationships. It's always the security guard at the gated apartments, the domestic worker, or the street vendor who is *badtameez*. [A book called *Dancing to the Precipice* suggests that the French had recognised this understanding of *badtameezi* as being contributory to inequality of status. After the French Revolution, the more polite form of 'you', which is *vous (aap)* was proscribed. It became obligatory to use *tu (tum)*, since it was believed that it would lead to more fraternity, and consequently to more equality.]

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Of course, modernity and capitalism have long been imagined to break such hierarchies. We might imagine that *badtameezi* in fact flourishes in our commercially driven TV studios. I would argue though that while that may be true in form, it is not true in substance (like much of capitalism's ostensible challenge to social hierarchies). These debates, in fact, reinforce social and political power.

The state (through its officials) has appropriated for itself a station quite at the top in the hierarchy of social positions. Thus, the lowest state functionary addresses the citizen in the most commanding voice, as if that were the natural order of things. In edgy encounters between citizen and state authority, who would ever imagine the shoving-commanding post-colonial policeman as disruptive, or describe him as *badtameez*? Law-and-order issues arise only when the policeman is challenged – when the citizen heckles the policeman, or bangs at the barricades – but never in the policeman's own arbitrary commands to the citizenry.

In present times, this relationship of power and its attendant courtesies (of normalisation, of endorsement) is more explicitly extended to political power, and to all the ideas that such power supports. The use of law, unless checked by the constitutional courts, often tends to mirror these social-political relations of power. It is increasingly mirroring it now.

The practice of prosecuting speech offences borrows from an understanding that 'offensive or disruptive speech' emanates from those who are either inferior in established social/political hierarchies, or outsiders to the reigning narrative of the time. Consequently, offences are framed mostly against those who challenge political or social power and its attendant narratives. Theoretically, anybody may be prosecuted for defacement of public property, irrespective of the contents of the graffiti. In the event, prosecution usually follows the logic of *badtameezi*, or sedition, focusing mostly on content.

We have always had a problem of entrenched hierarchical relations, most prominently in the form of caste. Our understanding of violence (and sexual violence) is mediated by this understanding. But for those hierarchies to be now reflected in law, in a way that speech is made prosecutable depending on whom it targets, points to the entangled relationship of law and society. What else would explain the variance in the political and legal perception of certain statements as defamatory, while others form popular political sense and continue unmediated: all terrorists are Muslim; all beneficiaries of reservations lazy. We often see prosecutors vociferously attacking certain speech as grave and damaging to someone's reputation while tolerating other violent speech as innocuous. Of course, the courts do not always endorse the prosecutors' views, and sometimes even call out the power play.

Mutating logic of sedition

The Supreme Court pronounced judgment in the *Media One* case, which addresses the logic of sedition (and of *badtameezi*). It struck down the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting's decision to not renew the broadcast licence for the channel on grounds that their programming was 'anti-establishment', and was a threat to national security. The Court said that "the critical views of the channel, Media One, on policies of the government cannot be termed anti-establishment. The use of such a terminology in itself represents an expectation that the press must support the establishment. The action of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting by denying security clearance to a media channel on the basis of the views with the channel is constitutionally entitled to hold produces a chilling effect on freedom of speech, and in particularly on press freedom." And further, that "the restriction on the freedom of the press compels citizens to think along the same tangent. A homogenised view on issues that range from socio-economic policy to political ideologies would pose grave dangers to democracy." The Court specifically decried the cavalier manner in which the state uses 'national security' as a catch phrase to censor speech. "The state is using national security as a tool to deny citizens remedies that are provided under the law. This is not compatible with the rule of law [...] we also hold that national security claims cannot be made out of thin air." The judgment speaks to the mutating, resettling logic of the law of sedition. In that sense, it is even more important than a mere striking down of Section 124A. Only if it is a continued engagement, of course.

A fountainhead of the people's hopes and aspirations

Harivansh

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In its 75th year of Independence, India is set to witness a historic moment with the inauguration of the new Parliament House on May 28. After using a Parliament building that is nearly a century old and symbolised a colonial era, we finally have a new structure in independent India. It reflects the vision and aspirations of a country that has evolved significantly since 1947. Some people may be misled by the idea that this is a new Parliament set up. But the new building will be another extension of the existing Parliament complex to signify the spirit of change and continuity; the journey of our Parliament from what it was yesterday to what it would be in the future. The old building gave direction to independent India, while the new one will witness the making of India as 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'.

Challenges of Parliament House

The main Parliament House, inaugurated in 1927, consists of the circular-shaped structure which is visible from the outside. Two more floors were added to this building in 1956 to accommodate more staff and other offices. The need for yet more office space led to the construction of the Parliament Annexe in 1975. In 2002, the Parliament Library was added to the complex. For similar reasons, an extension of the Parliament Annexe was constructed in 2016. Despite these new constructions in the Parliament complex to suit administrative needs, the need for modern facilities in the main Parliament House remained unfulfilled.

Apart from the shortage of space inside the Parliament House, there were several other challenges. The existing Parliament House is a majestic structure with a unique architectural style, but it presents a different view from the inside. It had to be retrofitted multiple times, which left little space for further improvements. Swathes of wires are squeezed under covers. The inner ceilings of both the Chambers and the Central Hall were provided with safety nettings to prevent any tiles and plaster from falling down. The multiple wirings for computers, air conditioners and security gadgets gave the complex a highly shabby look. In 2012, the Rajya Sabha proceedings had to be adjourned due to a peculiar stench emanating from AC ducts.

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The Presiding Officers of the past have also emphasised the need to find a better solution. In 2012, the Speaker, Meira Kumar, stated that the Parliament building was "weeping," and approved a high-powered committee to look for an alternative complex. In 2015, the Speaker, Sumitra Mahajan, wrote to the Minister for Urban Affairs to have a new Parliament building with modern facilities. All this points to the fact that the new Parliament building should have been constructed at least a decade ago, if not earlier. This issue was taken up on priority under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. A detailed plan to build a start-of-the-art Parliament was set in motion, and its foundation was laid in December 2020. In just two and half years, this building has been made ready for use. After the work began, India went through three waves of COVID-19. However, the safety of workers was given priority so that construction could continue.

Equipped for the needs of today

The new building is more spacious, energy-efficient, and accessible. It has the most updated technology, which makes it well-equipped for future needs as well. While laying the foundation of the new Parliament building, the Prime Minister emphasised increasing the efficiency of MPs and modernising our work culture. In the new building, we will be able to accommodate various languages with state-of-the-art facilities for simultaneous interpretations as well as better features for audio-visual communication as compared to the existing Parliament. Better gadgets, access to an e-library, and important reports will be easily accessible for members from their seats. This will enhance the capacity of legislators and improve the efficiency of the Secretariats of Parliament.

The building has publicly accessible museum-grade galleries and a Constitution Hall that showcases India's age-old history of democracy. India is not the first country to have constructed a new Parliament building due to paucity of space and to meet the changing needs. A new Parliament House was constructed in 1988 in Australia in front of the old one. The iconic United States Capitol, which was constructed in 1793, has seen several upgrades. The Parliament building of Israel, built in 1966, was upgraded with new wings in 1981 and again in 1999. The Canadian Senate building was closed recently for major renovation and the sittings were conducted in a makeshift arrangement.

The inauguration of a new Parliament building presents an opportunity for us to seriously introspect on our parliamentary conduct to make Parliament more efficient and productive. The trend of increasing disruptions and long periods of deadlock is antithetical to the demand for politics to respond to the complex governance challenges of our time. One hopes that adequate functional space and modern facilities for the members will contribute to reducing friction and enabling serious discussions. In the coming years, as this complex expands, each member will have their own dedicated space for interacting with people from their constituencies.

A modern legislature is required to work in tune with the challenges of time. The country has already paid huge costs – social and economic – due to the absence of laws when needed the most. The world is changing fast and is on the verge of a tectonic shift due to the emergence of machine learning and artificial intelligence. The new Parliament building should remind us to prepare and equip ourselves to face up the new challenges. As a fountainhead of the people's hopes and aspirations, particularly those of the younger generations, it would work as a lighthouse to guide us in our ambitious journey to build 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New Parliament building

Parliament is the temple of democracy ("Rethink boycott decision, Nirmala tells Opposition," May 26). Opposition parties must reconsider their decision to boycott the inauguration of the new Parliament building. While they may have their reasons, this building and what it stands for deserves respect from every citizen of this country. In politics, friends and foes change quickly. A party boycotting the event today may come to power in the future and its seat will be at the Central Vista and nowhere else.

K. Ravichandrabaabu,
Chennai

India has a parliamentary form of government, but that does not detract from the fact that the President is the titular head under the Constitution. This being the case, it is not clear how the Prime Minister is inaugurating the new Parliament building without inviting the President. It defies all constitutional principles and makes loud the BJP's political hegemony. It is also an insult to women and Adivasis as the BJP made much ado of the fact that it chose Droupadi Murmu for the post of President. Rightly and thoughtfully, all the Opposition parties have decided to protest.

NGR Prasad
Chennai

Crowns and sengols belong in monarchies ("Amid Centre's Tamil outreach, historical claims under scanner," May 26). They have no place in a sovereign, democratic republic except in museums. The use of a sceptre originated in the idea that the ruler was a shepherd of his people. Such an idea should be anathema to the citizens of a sovereign, democratic republic.

Manohar Alembath,
Kannur

Cheetah deaths

It is disheartening that so many cheetahs have died in Kuno Park. ("Two more cheetah cubs die at Kuno Park; one unwell," May 26). One wonders whether adequate attention was given to factors such as the weather before these cheetahs were brought from Namibia. More deaths cannot be ruled out. The government must identify what makes these wild cats vulnerable to sickness and take a considered and pragmatic decision before importing more cheetahs.

V. Johan Dhanakumar,
Chennai

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Tusker Arikompan after the darting, seen here with Kumki (trained) elephants at Cement Palam (bridge) near Chinnakkanal. JOMON PAMPAVALLEY

Arikompan still comes for rice

The troublemaking tusker, who attacks homes and shops for rice, has been shifted by the forest department to a new home in the Periyar Tiger Reserve, on the Kerala-Tamil Nadu border. Wildlife experts feel this ongoing experiment in conservation through translocation will serve as a blueprint for the future handling of human-wildlife conflict, write **Sandeep Vellaram** and **Hiran Unnikrishnan**

Yesterday, Arikompan made an attempt to return home. Forest officials tracked him to within 100 metres of a human habitation in Kumily, a village of spice and tea plantations, spread across a valley, in the Idukki district of Kerala. The lone tusker, now 36 years old, who was once a part of a herd of 12, soon returned to the deep forests of Periyar Tiger Reserve in Thekkady, on the Kerala-Tamil Nadu border, 8 km away. For a change, the animal, partially blind in its right eye, caught after trampling seven people to death, injuring many more, and destroying at least 25 homes and shops, didn't cause any damage to people or property. He did try to get some rice en route, but left without it.

Arikompan, derived from the Malayalam *ari* meaning rice and *kompan* meaning tusker, has developed both a personality and a reputation over the years, much like another elephants, Chakkakompan, a wild tusker who loves jackfruit in the same region, and Arisi Raja (rice king, in Tamil) of Pollachi in Tamil Nadu. Known to love rice, Arikompan often raided homes and shops in the Santhanpara and Chinnakanal panchayats, looking for food. In March and April, during the *musth* period, when bulls mate, he was found with two cow elephants and two babies.

With both villagers and the forest staff fearful of the elephant's unpredictable raids over the last 10 years, the State forest department filed an affidavit detailing the damage Arikompan had caused. Based on this, the Kerala High Court, on April 13, ordered for a translocation of the animal first to Parambikulam and then to Periyar Tiger Reserve, after consulting an expert committee.

Translocation for conservation

A crew of some 100 people including veterinarians, and government officials from every major department, including forest, fire, and electricity, gathered on April 29 to capture and transport Arikompan. The media was also invited. They stood by, with cameras, to shoot the event.

But the middle-aged giant, weighing no less than 4 tonnes, first needed to be tranquilised with five shots, and then coaxed via a ramp into a crate mounted on a truck by four Kumki elephants, trained animals involved in capturing and calming wild elephants. They tugged at a rope as thick as a forearm, and the partially sedated Arikompan walked into a truck.

A convoy made slow progress down the 100km winding road from Chinnakanal, in Idukki district, where the elephant had its last outing, to Kumily, in Thekkady, the gateway to the Periyar Wildlife Sanctuary. The police, wary of a backlash from irate villagers who had all faced trouble from the elephant, had put in restrictions to people venturing out, and even imposed a curfew under Section 144 in Kumily.

The grim, tense staff were in for a surprise. People defied the restrictions imposed by the police. They lined the road on both sides, and tossed petals and shouted hoorays at Arikompan.

"The public's response was unprecedented," said one of the veterinarians who was part of the convoy. "We were expecting stones instead of petals as the elephant, which breathed ferocity, had already generated so much public anger and even protests in some parts of the State."

At Kumily, the tusker was accorded a formal reception by the locals with a special puja. The journey was bumpy and slow as the convoy had to negotiate an unpaved road onto which wildlife often strays. The tusker was slowly released into the wild at Senioroda, about 22 km from Kumily, in the interior reaches of the tiger reserve.

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> **P.N. JAIMON**
> Farmer,
> Idukki district

With this translocation, the forest department claims that the incidence of human-elephant conflict in the Chinnakanal region has come down sharply. P.V. Vegi, Range Forest Officer, Devikulam, says this is evident from the dwindling number of complaints on straying elephants. The local administrators too attest to an abrupt stoppage of human-elephant conflicts with the tusker's absence. "Over 80% of the issues have been solved with the translocation of Arikompan. This is a clear vindication of the stance taken by the two panchayats that moving him out of the region would alone solve the issue," said Sini Baby, president, Chinnakanal Panchayat.

Human-wildlife conflict

An area where Arikompan had previously wreaked havoc on most occasions was the 301 colony. This land had been assigned in 2003 by the Kerala government, near the Anayirangal dam that is built on the Panniyar River in Chinnakanal and Shanthampara panchayats. The hamlet, which conservationists argue is located in the middle of an elephant corridor that extends from the Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary in Idukki to the Periyar Tiger Reserve, is currently inhabited by 41 people belonging to 15 tribal families. The rest have moved out over the years, fearing for their life and livelihood that is derived from forest produce, in view of the recurring wildlife attacks.

The settlement here, unfortunately, came into existence against the will of the forest department that had called for establishing an elephant sanctuary instead. That way, it would have served as a contiguous tusker habitat along with the Anamudi Elephant Reserve from Parambikulam to Mathikettan Shola, on the Kerala-Tamil Nadu border.

The hapless residents of 301 colony, however, were completely unaware of such technicalities while settling there. For them, the loud screaming and trumpeting of wild elements was part of the region's soundscape.

The shortage of food, according to locals, was the key factor in forcing animals to stray into the human settlements of Chinnakanal. "The 365-hectare wide revenue land, where the elephant herd including Arikompan is located, is crowded with eucalyptus trees. If the authorities could convert it to a grassland, it would serve as an ideal habitat for wild elephants. The forest department, sadly, is not initiating a single step to ensure proper food for the wild elephants in the region," pointed out P.N. Jaimon, a farmer settled in Sinkukandam, Idukki district, reflecting on the fact that translocating one elephant may not be the answer.

The focus has now shifted to the Kerala-Tamil Nadu border where Arikompan was released. Outfitted with a satellite radio collar, the animal has moved back and forth between Kerala and Tamil Nadu and traversed around 40 km so far.

After vanishing into the deep forests for a couple of days, the tusker first emerged at Vannathiparai under the Srivilliputhur-Megamalai Tiger Reserve in Theni district, Tamil Nadu, which is a contiguous forest of the Periyar Tiger Reserve. It then returned to the Mangaladevi-Mavadi area inside Kerala and moved to the foothills of the Srivilliputhur-Megamalai Tiger Reserve through the Eravangalar Highways Dam. From there, it went further uphill to reach Manalar and spent several days in the various estates and Shola grasslands, before returning to the Kerala border on May 22. It camped in the Periyar Tiger Reserve for the next five days before entering Rosapookkandam, a habited area adjoining the reserve, on May 25 night. Driven away by forest officials, the tusker returned to the Tamil Nadu forests the next day.

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Though Arikompan accidentally blocked a bus to Megamalai from Chinnamanur, in Tamil Nadu, nothing untoward has happened so far. The forest department in Tamil Nadu has sought to allay any concerns. "The elephant is not showing any aggression as it looks happy loitering around after foraging in this new landscape. We are closely monitoring its movement in association with the Kerala Forest Department," said Srinivas R. Reddy, the chief wildlife warden, Tamil Nadu.

The department, according to him, is yet to ascertain whether the animal was exploring options to settle down in its new home or attempting to find its way back to original home. "The present trajectory of the tusker suggests it is just moving to all the areas where it is likely to get food and water," added Reddy.

Arikompan and the future

Experts reckon that it takes time to be certain that translocation has worked. "The elephant looked nearly settled in the region until a few days ago, but going by its behaviour, a return to its original habitat cannot be ruled out. The Periyar Tiger Reserve and the adjacent forest area will provide enough food and water to the animal," said P.S. Essa, a wildlife expert and member of the expert committee appointed by the Kerala High Court, explaining the choice of location.

Chief veterinary surgeon Arun Zachariah, who headed the translocation operation of Arikompan, noted that the tusker will be absorbed into its new habitat about three months after translocation. "The tusker was translocated to a new area as a special case after much analysis and discussion. With the animal now gradually adapting to its new home, the operation sets the benchmark and can serve as a textbook for such cases in future," he said.

The tusker's introduction to the Periyar Tiger Reserve is also expected to facilitate a transfer of new genes in the region. "As the elephant keeps moving on both sides of the forest in Kerala and Tamil Nadu, it will help transfer new genes. We hope the process will ultimately help bring up a healthy and functional elephant population in both the Periyar Tiger Reserve and the Megamalai Tiger Reserve," said Arun R.S., chief conservator of forests, High Range Circle, Kerala.

Another group of people though feel the animal should have been kept under captivity. "The interference of the Kerala High court in the matter has caused huge expenditure for the exchequer and huge anxiety to the people of two states," Alex Ozhukayil, chairman of the Kerala Independent Farmers Association, held.

Animal rights activists, meanwhile, have advocated a wait-and-watch approach before they conclude that the re-homing operation has been successful. A translocated elephant, they say, generally exhibits three types of behaviour after being moved to a new terrain.

"They may adapt to the conditions of the new habitat and continue there. In the second case, the animal wanders across the translocated place, while in the third case, it will try its best to return home, no matter how far the location is," said M.N. Jayachandran, district secretary, rhe Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Everyone is waiting to see what Arikompan will do. Will he stay or will he go back? Only time will tell. What everyone agrees on is that this is an experiment in conservation through translocation.

Arikompan's translocation is an experiment in conservation. The vehicle carrying Arikompan passes through the Kochi-Dhanushkodi NH, on its way to Kumily. JOMON PAMPAVALLEY

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Only six religion options make it to Census form

Census officials had, in fact, designed detailed codes for religion on the basis of data collected during Census 2011. However, they were dropped and only six religion codes were retained in the final schedule. The details are explained in a report titled, "The Treatise on Indian Censuses Since 1981", which was released by Home Minister Amit Shah on May 22.

Digital Census

The next Census is also set to be the first digital Census, where respondents will have the option to fill in the questionnaire from the comfort of their own home.

The 31 questions for the first phase – Houselisting and Housing Schedule – were notified on January 9, 2020. As many as 28 questions have been finalised for the second phase – the Population Enumeration – but are yet to be notified. The final set of questions for both phases were asked during a pre-test exercise in 2019 in 76 districts in 36 States and Union Territories, covering a population of more than 26 lakh.

A comparison of the questions asked in 2011 and those finalised for the next Census shows that for a section on the mode of travel to place of work, respondents will have to answer new queries on their travel time in hours and minutes, and whether they use metro rail. A question on types and causes of disabilities has been expanded to include "acid attack, intellectual disability, chronic neurological disease and blood disorder".

The next Census will also record details on whether a person who lives in a rented house owns a house somewhere else or does not own any residential property. On the question of availability of drinking water, it explains that "near the premises" means "within 100 metres in urban areas" and "within 500 metres in rural areas".

Directory to reduce bias

For the first time, a code directory – containing possible responses and their matching codes for questions involving descriptive and non-numeric entries – has been prepared for the use of enumerators during the second phase of Census 2021. It has codes in respect of Relationship to Head, Mother Tongue and Other Languages Known, Occupation, Nature of Industry, Trade or Service, Birth Place/Place of last residence and Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) etc. "Data processing of these descriptive responses required human intervention to codify into required data format as per the tabulation plan... It also involved risk to data bias and errors because of diverse judgement of enumerators and the persons codifying the response as well," the report said.

Parliament opening: SC refuses to hear plea

The Opposition accused the government of sidelining the President, thus heaping "insult" on the first citizen and the head of the state. It is reported that 19 Opposition parties have decided to boycott the inauguration ceremony.

"So, what is your interest in filing this petition?" Justice Narasimha asked Mr. Sukin during the hearing. "She is my President. I am a citizen," Mr. Sukin responded. The lawyer referred to Article 79 of the Constitution which stated that there "shall be a Parliament for the Union, which will consist of the President and two Houses to be called respectively the Council of States (Rajya Sabha) and the House of the People (Lok Sabha)".

"What is the connection between Article 79 and the inauguration function?" Justice Maheshwari asked. "The President is the head of the Parliament. The Prime Minister is only the head of the executive government. It is for the President to inaugurate..." Mr. Sukin said. But the Court said it could not intervene in the issue on the basis of a petition filed under Article 32 of the Constitution.

IMD retains normal outlook for monsoon

Since 2019, India has been under the influence of the converse La Nina, which is a cooling in those regions, and therefore linked to substantial monsoon rains. Another ocean-linked phenomenon, called the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is also likely to play out during the monsoon. A positive dipole, characterised by a warming in the western half of the Indian Ocean relative to the eastern, is expected to compensate for some of the rain sucked out due to El Nino, D.S. Pai of the IMD said. "The link between IOD and good monsoon rains isn't as strong as the link between El Nino and diminished rains," he added.

June rains below normal

IMD officials added that monsoon rains over most parts of India will be between 92% and 104% of the average. Southern India will receive above normal levels of rainfall.

The IMD has forecast that the monsoon will arrive over Kerala on June 4, three days after the usual due date. While onset dates have no link to the quantum of monsoon rainfall, IMD's monsoon models say that June rainfall is likely to be "below normal" (<92% of the average of 16.54 cm). Except in some areas of southern peninsular India, northwest India, north India and pockets of northeast India, rainfall is likely to be "below normal" in June, the agency noted.

Cong. kept a sacred symbol as 'walking stick', says Shah

Minister attacks Opposition party over *Sengol* row, denounces claims that there is no evidence of it being a symbol of transfer of power to India

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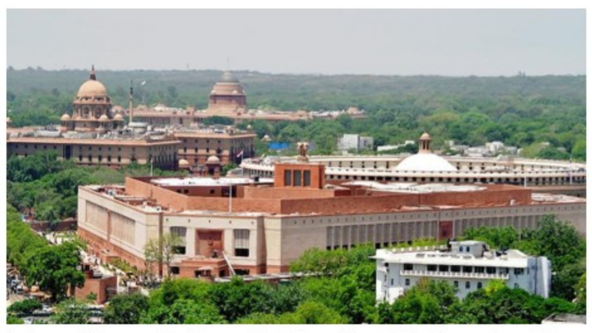

A view of the new Parliament building. The old Parliament and the Rashtrapati Bhavan are visible in the background. R. V. MOORTHY

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday launched a sharp attack on the Congress, asking why it hated Indian traditions and kept a sacred symbol as a walking stick. He said the Opposition party had created a controversy over *Sengol* – a historical sceptre from Tamil Nadu – by terming as "bogus" the BJP's account of its role at the time of Independence.

Mr. Shah was responding to Congress leader Jairam Ramesh's claim that there was no documented evidence of India's first Governor-General Lord Louis Mountbatten, its last Governor-General C. Rajagopalachari, and first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru describing the sceptre as a symbol of the transfer of power by the British to India. The BJP maintained that the sceptre was indeed received by Nehru, which symbolically represented the transfer of power from the British, and that it was later kept in a museum in Allahabad, now known as Prayagraj.

'Shameful insult'

"Why does the Congress party hate Indian traditions and culture so much? A sacred *Sengol* was given to Pandit Nehru by a holy Shaivite *math* from Tamil Nadu to symbolise India's freedom but it was banished to a museum as a 'walking stick'," Mr. Shah said. Amid the war of words between the BJP and the Congress over Sunday's inauguration of the new Parliament building, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will install the sceptre, Mr. Shah said the Opposition party needed to reflect on its behaviour.

"Now, Congress has heaped another shameful insult. The *Thiruvavaduthurai Adheenam*, a holy Shaivite *math*, itself spoke about the importance of *Sengol* at the time of India's freedom. Congress is calling the *Adheenam*'s history as 'bogus'," the Home Minister said.

BJP national general secretary B.L. Santhosh also lambasted the Congress, saying that the sins committed by the party and its leadership post-Independence would keep haunting them for years to come. "Sacred *Sengol* was marked as walking stick and kept at Prayagraj museum. Nehru and his descendants have ultimate hatred for anything that is part of Indian culture," he said.

Mr. Santhosh also asked the Dravidian parties of Tamil Nadu whether they would "honour or boycott" the tradition. "This May 28 will be a testing time for Dravidian parties of Tamil Nadu. A proud symbol of heritage, a '*Dharma Dhanda*' which has its roots in the Chola era, will be installed in Parliament by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Will they honour Chola tradition or boycott?" he asked.

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal took to Twitter to criticise the Opposition party, saying that unlike the dynasty that demeaned *Sengol* by displaying it as one person's "walking stick", Mr. Modi was restoring its glory by giving it a pride of place in the new Parliament building.

On boycott

Listing the political parties that are boycotting the inauguration event, BJP national president J.P. Nadda said that the common connection between them was that they were "dynasty-run parties" whose monarchic methods were at loggerheads with the principles of republicanism and democracy in the Constitution.

'Souvenirs show sceptre was given to Mountbatten'

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Special souvenirs published after Independence and the first Republic Day by the *Thiruvavaduthurai Adheenam* had recorded an account of the *math* having handed over a *Sengol* (sceptre) to Lord Mountbatten and later to India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, an *Adheenam* spokesperson said on Friday.

"The souvenirs were published during the lifetime of the then *Adheenam*, who attained *samadhi* in 1952. The copy of these souvenirs are available at the *Adheenam*," the spokesperson told *The Hindu* in response to a query.

The spokesperson said it was this version from the souvenirs that was included in Annexure IV of the docket given by the government to journalists recently.

However, this Annexure IV neither mentioned the *Adheenam* as the source nor the date of publication. The docket also had a text of an address by His Holiness Sri La Sri Ambalavana Desika Paramacharya Swamigal, presented to Nehru.

'Photographs available'

At a press conference in Chennai on Friday, the current *Adheenam,* Sri La Sri Ambalavana Desika Paramacharya Swamigal, said, "There is photographic evidence for the presentation of the *Sengol* to Nehru. It is incorrect to say the sceptre was not even given. The picture has been published in English newspapers in 1947." The seer added that enough evidence had been compiled in the form of a booklet and said he was saddened over the incorrect information that was being spread.

The sceptre will be installed in the new Parliament. PTI

"Ambalavana Desigar got the *Sengol* made by Vummidi Bangaru jewellers in Chennai...it was taken to New Delhi by T.N. Rajarathinam, Kumarasamy Thampuran, Manikka Odhuvar on a flight."

"Thampuran Swamigal gave the *Sengol* to Mountbatten who returned stating that it should be handed over to Nehru. The *Sengol* was taken on a procession and presented to Nehru... We are happy that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will keep the *Sengol* behind the Speaker's chair. We are going to Delhi and will hand over the sceptre to Prime Minister," he added.

"There were no photos with Mountbatten. Only those alive then can confirm the event, and we learn from history," he said.

On whether it signifies transfer of power as claimed, the seer said, "The *math* has always had a relationship with rulers for a long time. Whenever there is a change in power, the *Sengol* has been given to the rulers."

There are no official records of the sceptre being presented to Mountbatten.

New building will make every Indian proud: PM

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the new Parliament building will make every Indian proud, as he posted a video of it on Twitter and urged people to share it on social media with '#MyParliamentMyPride'.

The video gives a virtual tour of the building, including the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

"I have a special request – share this video with your own voice-over, which conveys your thoughts. I will re-tweet some of them," the Prime Minister said.

Omar praises 'impressive' Parliament building

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

National Conference (NC) vice-president Omar Abdullah on Friday praised the new Parliament building, a day after his party decided to join other Opposition parties in boycotting the inauguration.

"Setting aside the brouhaha about the inauguration for a moment, this building is a welcome addition... The old Parliament House has served us well but as someone who has worked there for a few years, a lot of us often spoke amongst ourselves about the need for a new and improved Parliament building. Better late than never is all I'll say and this one looks pretty damn impressive," he tweeted.

Petition by Gandhis against transfer of I-T assessment dismissed

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday dismissed petitions by Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra against the Income Tax Department's decision to transfer their assessments to the Central Circle instead of an ordinary assessment in a matter related to arms dealer Sanjay Bhandari.

The court also rejected separate petitions, which raised similar legal issues, by Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Trust, Jawahar Bhawan Trust, Rajiv Gandhi Foundation, Rajiv Gandhi Charitable Trust, Young Indian and the Aam Aadmi Party.

The Gandhis challenged the order issued by the Income Tax Principal Commissioner to transfer their cases for assessment year 2018-19 to the Central Circle. Central Circles are mandated with checking tax evasion. They take over the evidence gathered by investigation wing during searches.

The transfer of the cases to the Central Circle was opposed by the Gandhis on the ground that they have nothing to do with the Sanjay Bhandari group's cases.

Delhi court allows Rahul Gandhi's plea for NOC for passport

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Friday allowed a plea filed by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi seeking issuance of a fresh passport.

Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Vaibhav Mehta granted a no-objection certificate (NOC) to Mr. Gandhi for issuance of an ordinary passport for three years. The Congress leader had sought the NOC for 10 years.

Mr. Gandhi surrendered his diplomatic passport following his disqualification as a Member of Parliament on March 26.

The plea by Mr. Gandhi for issuance of fresh passport was opposed by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy, who is the complainant in the *National Herald* case in which Mr. Gandhi is one of the accused.

'No dual citizenship'

In his written submissions in the court, Mr. Swamy said that during his recent visit to the U.K., he was told by an official that Mr. Gandhi had declared himself as a British citizen. He said Mr. Gandhi's Indian citizenship should be cancelled as under the Indian law there was no scope for dual citizenship.

Modi must apologise for 9 years of failure, betrayal, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Releasing *Nau saal, Nau sawaal* (Nine years, nine questions), a booklet to mark nine years of the Narendra Modi government, the Congress on Friday said Mr. Modi should apologise for betraying the mandate of the people.

Posing one question for each completed year, the Congress party's booklet had questions that ranged from rising prices, unemployment, national security – namely the face-off with China, social harmony and federalism.

Over the next three days, party leaders, including seniors like P. Chidambaram, Anand Sharma and Manish Tewari, will be holding press conferences at 35 places.

Using the hashtag #NaakamiKe9Saal, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge took to Twitter and said, "In last 9 years, the Modi government has become a 'Vishwaguru' in snatching away employment of crores of youths".

"The BJP built its edifice in 9 years on false promises and people's suffering, inflation, hatred and unemployment - Prime Minister *ji*, take responsibility for these failures of yours," former party chief Rahul Gandhi said in a tweetand shared the nine questions for the Prime minister.

In a press conference with Pawan Khera and Supriya Shrinate, party general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh, said the booklet contains all the key issues that the party had raised during the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

I&B Ministry to organise conclave

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Information & Broadcasting Ministry will organise a day-long national conclave on "Nine years of Seva, Sushasan and Garib Kalyan" on Saturday, to mark the completion of nine years of the Modi government. Home Minister Amit Shah will be the chief guest, while I&B Minister Anurag Singh Thakur will be the guest of honour.

Three panel discussions will be organised during the conclave.

INBRIEF

SC stays HC order imposing ₹25 lakh fine on Abhishek

The Supreme Court on Friday issued notice on a plea by Trinamool Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee against a Calcutta High Court decision refusing to stop the CBI and the ED from questioning him in connection with their probe into the West Bengal teacher recruitment scam. "We cannot interfere with the investigation," a Vacation Bench of Justices J.K. Maheshwari and P.S. Narasimha observed orally. The Bench, however, stayed the part of the High Court order imposing a fine of ₹25 lakh on him. The court listed the case for further hearing on July 10, after the summer vacation. At one point, the Bench said "these matters do not touch ordinary people". Senior advocate A.M. Singhvi said the scam was "created to terrorise" certain people. Mr. Banerjee is a nephew of West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Services issue: Kejriwal seeks time to meet Kharge, Rahul

Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has sought time to meet Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and party leader Rahul Gandhi for their support to oppose the Centre's ordinance on control of services in Delhi. "Sought time this morning to meet Congress president Kharge ji and Rahul Gandhi ji to seek Congress support in Parliament against undemocratic and unconstitutional ordinance passed by BJP government and also to discuss general assault on federal structure and prevailing political situation," Mr. Kejriwal tweeted. The AAP national convener had already sought support of various political parties, including the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), the Shiv Sena (UBT) and the Trinamool Congress, on the issue. PTI

Don't attack us, we are elected by the people: Manipur CM

Following two incidents of violence against State and Union Ministers, Biren Singh makes an appeal for settlement of conflicts through talks

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh on Friday implored the people not to target anyone, including elected representatives.

His appeal followed two incidents of mob fury against lawmakers in the strife-torn State. On Wednesday, a mob vandalised the house of State PWD Minister Konthoujam Govindas in Bishnupur district in protest against the government's alleged failure to protect people from suspected extremists belonging to the Kuki community.

On Thursday, another mob in the State's capital Imphal tried to storm the house of Union Minister of State for External Affairs R.K. Ranjan Singh.

"I appeal to all not to do any kind of violence on the elected members or anybody anywhere. We, the MLAs, are elected by the people. We are for the people. It is our commitment to do what people want,"

Hot seat: Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh addressing a press conference in Imphal on Friday. ANI

the Chief Minister said. He requested the people to come to him or any of his colleagues for anything. "We are here 24x7 for people to share their grievances," he said.

The Chief Minister said the gravity of the situation in Manipur made Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai and BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra reach Imphal on Thursday.

He said the issues in Manipur were very complicated and could be settled only through constitutional provisions and discussions. "We must not let any division crop up in these difficult times," he said, appealing to those who looted firearms from the police to return them.

He warned the arms snatchers that paramilitary forces and police commandos would soon launch a combing operation to retrieve the weapons. Altogether 1,041 weapons and 7,460 live cartridges were looted by miscreants from a Manipur police armoury after violence broke out on May 3. The security forces managed to recover 214 of these weapons and 4,273 bullets.

Amit Shah to visit riot-hit Manipur on May 29

Press Trust of India
IMPHAL

Union Home Minister Amit Shah is scheduled to visit violence-hit Manipur on May 29 to resolve the ongoing ethnic crisis. Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said this at a press conference here on Thursday evening.

"Mr. Shah would stay for three days and would work to end the ethnic crisis and deliver justice to all the people. We will talk with people at different places and listen to their views and opinions," Mr. Rai said.

The recent unrest has only impeded development, Mr. Rai said, adding there was calm and peace for the last nine years with no blockade and few bandhs. He said all problems and issues would be solved in peaceful manner and people should have faith in the government and shun all forms of violence.

Mr. Shah on Thursday appealed to the people of Manipur to maintain peace and promised that justice will be ensured to all sections of society.

Mr. Shah in Assam's Kamrup district said that he will travel to Manipur to help resolve disputes .

European Union official seeks to allay India's concerns on 'carbon tax'

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) is not intended to be "protectionist" and only meant to avoid the problem of 'carbon leakage,' said Frans Timmermans, European Union's chief climate negotiator, on Friday.

Indian industries will have nothing to worry if the carbon-intensity of goods, for eg. steel, aluminium and iron, made in India and exported to the EU matches that of the goods made in the bloc. "We are now in the trial period of the CBAM and I can assure that the CBAM will be WTO-compliant and will be corrected if it is having unintended effects," he said. "It is too early to

Frans Timmermans

make assumptions on levies and costs for Indian businesses. We are in constant touch with India on this. The only thing we will do to protect our industry is to avoid unfair competition on carbon footprint."

'Carbon leakage,' refers to cheaper, more carbon-intensive goods making their way into the EU at the expense of domestically manufactured products that have been manufactured using costlier, renewable energy. To check such leakage, the EU brought into force this month the CBAM that, after 2026, will require EU companies to annually declare the quantity of goods imported into the EU in the preceding year and their embedded greenhouse gas emissions and effectively pay for excessive emissions via CBAM certificates that could reflect as taxes paid by importers to the EU.

Steel, iron exports

Indian manufacturers have raised concerns that the tax will mean a 20-35% tariff on India's exports of steel, aluminium and cement, that currently attract a duty of less than 3%. As much as 27% of India's exports of steel, iron and aluminium products, or $8.2 billion, head to the EU.

The CBAM will initially apply to imports of certain goods and selected precursors whose production is carbon-intensive and at most significant risk of carbon leakage: cement, iron and steel, aluminium, fertilizers, electricity and hydrogen.

Mr. Timmermans met Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav, Power Minister R.K. Singh and was also scheduled to meet Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Other than trade and emissions, his visit was also to set the ground ahead of the 28th meeting of Conference of Parties (COP) scheduled in November in Dubai.

Indus Waters Treaty: Centre advises J&K to scale up efforts for 'better utilisation'

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The Union government on Friday instructed officials in Jammu & Kashmir to scale up efforts for "better utilisation of the country's rights under the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT)" over the three rivers flowing through the Union Territory. Deputy National Security Adviser Sari Vikram Misri chaired the second meeting of the special task force in Srinagar "to ensure exercise of India's rights under the IWT", a spokesman said.

The meeting took stock of the progress made on various hydro power projects in J&K. It was noted that progress had been made on several fronts and emphasis was laid on completing the works on all the Indus Basin Projects in a timely manner to enable better utilisation of India's rights under the IWT, the spokesman said.

The high-level meeting was attended by top officials, including J&K's Principal Secretary of the Power Development Department, officials from the Ministry of External Affairs and Commissioner (Indus) and the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

The Deputy NSA also met J&K Lieutenant-Governor (L-G) Manoj Sinha and apprised him of the ongoing efforts to monitor implementation of hydro power projects in the Indus Basin under the directions of the Prime Minister's Office. "The L-G assured full cooperation in this national endeavour," the spokesman said.

India, Nepal may sign pacts on energy and water during Prachanda's four-day visit

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Air of caution around his visit is partly due to the volatile political condition in Nepal

As Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda prepares for an official visit to India, the "southern neighbour" maintained silence as fast paced developments in Nepal remain the talk of the town here. The air of caution around Mr. Prachanda's visit is partly due to the volatile political condition in Nepal which has witnessed two successive changes in the ruling coalition that came to power in December 2022 and has been beset by a number of corruption scandals ever since.

Sources have confirmed that a four-day visit is expected to take place beginning on May 31 during which the two sides will hold discussions on a few lingering issues and seal multiple deals.

The Kathmandu Post on Friday said Nepal was likely to sign an energy deal during Mr. Prachanda's visit to Delhi and that the two sides would conclude at least six agreements during the exchanges here. Quoting Nepal's Foreign Minister N.P. Saud, it said the agreements might include those on water and agriculture cooperation.

The visit has been in discussion for the past three months with Mr. Prachanda himself often talking about it which, however, did not find a quick response from the Indian side, with officials merely indicating that such a visit would take place "in fullness of time".

Mr. Prachanda came to power in December in a dramatic coalition somersault after he dumped the Nepali Congress and was joined by former Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli-led CPN-UML that helped him become the Prime Minister for a third time since the end of monarchy in Nepal.

However, the leftist coalition broke up in February over disagreement regarding the candidature of the post of the President. Subsequently, Ram Chandra Poudel was elected President with support from the Nepali Congress and Communist Party of Nepal - Maoist Centre.

6 minor tribes in Manipur are Nagas: NSCN (I-M)

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Amid the unrest in Manipur, the Isak-Muivah faction of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland or NSCN (I-M) has claimed that six minor tribes in the State are Nagas.

In a statement issued on Thursday evening, the NSCN (I-M) said six minor tribes – Aimol, Chiru, Chothe, Kharam, Koireng, and Kom – "are part of the Naga community and have been actively involved in the Nagas' political struggle for their freedom from India and Myanmar till our goal is achieved".

Putting the categorisation of the six communities "on record", it said "our Meitei brothers" and Kukis should not take them otherwise and harass them in any manner.

All MBBS graduates can provisionally register

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

All Indian medical graduates who have cleared their final MBBS examinations till the academic year 2022-23, shall be granted provisional registration in the State Medical Council concerned, as per the latest order of the National Medical Council (NMC).

They will also undergo internship in their parent colleges immediately irrespective of the recognition status of their medical colleges.

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INBRIEF

SC grants medical bail to former Delhi Minister Jain

The Supreme Court on Friday granted a six-week-long medical bail to former Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain while refusing to accept the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) explanation that his drastic weight loss in jail is due to his faith in the Jain tradition of fasting. A Vacation Bench of Justices J.K. Maheshwari and P.S. Narasimha allowed Mr. Jain to consult a private hospital of his choice. "We think it appropriate that the citizen is having a right to take treatment of his choice, at his own expenses, in a private hospital," the Bench noted in the order. The medical evaluation report has to be submitted in court on July 11, the next date of hearing.

Chhattisgarh official drains reservoir to find phone

A government official in Kanker district of Chhattisgarh was suspended on Friday for getting nearly 21 lakh litres of water drained out from a reservoir next to a dam in a bid to find his phone that fell into it. On May 21, Rajesh Vishwas (32), a food inspector posted in Pakhanjur town, accidentally dropped his new phone worth ₹95,000 into the Paralkot reservoir while clicking a selfie. Mr. Vishwas and his friends had gone for an outing at the dam. The official said that he got the water pumped out only after obtaining a verbal permission from the Sub divisional officer (SDO) of the water resource department and the water was not fit for drinking or agriculture.

UPSC plans criminal action against two candidates

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) said on Friday that it was considering criminal and disciplinary penal action against two candidates for claiming selection in the civil services examination, the results of which were declared earlier this week. The case relates to Aysha Makrani (from Madhya Pradesh) and Tushar who fraudulently claimed that they have been recommended by the Commission in the civil services examination 2022 against two roll numbers of genuinely recommended candidates, it said. "The claims of both persons are fake. They have forged the documents in their favour to buttress their claims," said the statement issued by the UPSC on Friday.

Air India plane to Vancouver suffers snag, lands safely

An Air India plane en route to Vancouver returned to Delhi shortly after take-off on Friday, due to a technical issue. The Boeing 777 aircraft landed back safely in the national capital, the airline said in a statement. "Air India flight AI185 Delhi to Vancouver dated May 26, 2023, operated by B777 aircraft has air returned to Delhi following a technical issue shortly after take-off," it said. An airline spokesperson said there were 298 passengers onboard, and later, they were taken in another plane to Vancouver. PTI

Navy, ISRO release training plan for Gaganyaan crew

The human spaceflight is scheduled to be launched in the fourth quarter of 2024; the astronaut designates for the mission are currently undergoing their mission-specific training at Bengaluru

Dinakar Peri
NEW DELHI

In an important step towards realising India's ambitious Gaganyaan mission to put an Indian in space, the Indian Navy and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) released the Gaganyaan Recovery Training Plan at the Water Survival Training Facility (WSTF) at INS Garuda, Kochi.

The human flight, after two unmanned flights, is scheduled to be launched in the fourth quarter of 2024.

"The document outlines the training plan for recovery of the crew module of the mission. It defines overall requirements with respect to training of various teams participating in recovery operations including divers, MARCOs (marine commandos), medical specialists, communicators, technicians and naval aviators," the Navy said in a statement on Friday.

The recovery training is planned in incremental phases starting from unmanned recovery to manned recovery training in harbour and open sea conditions and are being led by the Indian Navy in coordination with other agencies, it stated.

The Indian Navy and ISRO recently released the Gaganyaan Recovery Training Plan at INS Garuda in Kochi. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The training document was jointly released by Vice Admiral Atul Anand, Director General of Naval Operations; Dr. Unnikrishnan Nair, Director, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, (VSSC); and Dr. Umamaheshwaran R., Director, Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) of the ISRO.

The astronaut designates for human space flight mission are currently undergoing their mission-specific training at Bengaluru with the second semester of crew training currently underway. Corresponding evaluation and assessment activities have also been completed.

In December 2022, Minister of State in the PMO for Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh, informed Parliament that India's maiden human space flight 'HI' mission is targeted to be launched in the fourth quarter of 2024.

In a written reply in the Lok Sabha, Dr. Singh said that in view of the paramount importance of crew safety, two test vehicle missions are planned before the 'GI' mission to demonstrate the performance of crew escape system and parachute-based deceleration system for different flight conditions.

"The uncrewed 'GI' mission is targeted to be launched in the last quarter of 2023, followed by the second uncrewed 'G2' mission in the second quarter of 2024, before the final human space flight 'HI' mission in the fourth quarter of 2024," he stated.

Union Food Ministry counters Cong., says fortified rice is safe

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Ministry said consumption of fortified rice improved haemoglobin levels.

The Union Food Ministry on Friday countered the Opposition Congress's allegation that the distribution of fortified rice through fair price shops is being done despite multiple warnings by experts and institutions such as NITI Aayog and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

A spokesperson of the Ministry said the NITI Aayog had been actively engaged in running the scheme. "There is no basis in the reports that NITI Aayog took a stand against fortified rice," he said.

The Ministry has been maintaining, citing various studies, that consumption of fortified rice resulted in significant improvement in haemoglobin levels and reduction in the prevalence of anaemia.

The Ministry said rice fortification has been adopted by seven countries, including the U.S., since 1958.

"Concurrent evaluation is being done by NITI Aayog in association with the Indian Council of Medical Research. Evaluation study of some pilot districts are also under way," the official said.

Meanwhile, the Alliance for Sustainable & Holistic Agriculture (ASHA) said in a statement that the Centre, in a unilateral decision, has been supplying iron-fortified rice in public safety net programmes such as the PDS, mid-day meals, and anganwadis, reaching crores of Indians.

"These are mostly poor citizens who rely on State subsidised food and for whom iron-fortified rice has become mandatory since they cannot afford to buy other (non-fortified) rice in the open market. The scaling up of this programme came before a pilot scheme in 15 States was completed, or evaluated independently and rigorously. The evaluation of these pilots was due in late 2022 as per an RTI response by the government," the statement said.

New Chief Justices appointed to Madras, Bombay High Courts

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Justice Sanjay V. Gangapurwala, who is officiating as the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, has been appointed as the the Chief Justice of Madras High Court, while Justice Ramesh D. Dhanuka has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Bombay High Court, the Law Ministry notified on Friday.

Both the names were part of a batch of names that were recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium on April 19 for elevation as Chief Justices of High Courts.

Shortest tenure

Justice Dhanuka will have the shortest tenure as head of the Bombay High Court as he is set to retire on May 30.

While Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal took to Twitter to inform about the appointments, the Department of Justice issued separate notifications announcing the appointment of acting Justice Gangapurwala and Justice Dhanuka.

Justice R.D. Dhanuka

On Wednesday, Justice S. Vaidyanathan was appointed as the acting Chief Justice of the Madras High Court after Justice T. Raja, who was serving as the acting Chief Justice, demitted office on attaining the age of 62 years.

Darjeeling to join the list of most polluted cities of West Bengal, reveals study

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

A recent study by scientists has revealed that Darjeeling, the queen of hills and a popular tourist destination, may be on the way to becoming one of the most polluted cities of West Bengal. The study was published in the journal *Atmospheric Environment*.

The study has pointed out that the steam-driven Toy Train is also a secondary contributor to pollution. DEBASISH BHADURI

"The present study throws light on one of the geographically, climatically, and ecologically important high-altitude Himalayan stations in India, where people have been contributing as well as experiencing huge pollution loads but remained out of sight of the policy makers. The study raises a serious concern in front of the policy makers that a high-altitude tourist station such as Darjeeling in the eastern Himalayas would soon become a non-attainment city," the paper stated.

The six cities in West Bengal that are considered non-attainment cities and did not meet the national ambient air quality standards were Asansol, Durgapur, Kolkata, Howrah, Haldia, and Barrackpore.

The research, spanning from 2009 to 2021, focused on characterising PM10 levels (very small pollutant particles found in dust and smoke) in Darjeeling. It determined that summer (March-May) and winter (December-February) were the two seasons in Darjeeling when PM10 concentrations exceeded 70 micrograms per cubic metre of air, surpassing the Indian standard of 60 micrograms per cubic metre. "

The study said that dust transport from the Indo-Gangetic plain, coal combustion from eateries, domestic use, and the Toy Train, as well as secondary sources, also played a role in the pollution.

'There can be no laxity with the quality of medicine'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

If India wants to continue being the pharmacy of the world, there can be no laxity on the quality of pharmaceutical products, said Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, speaking at the 8th international conference on the pharma and medical device sector on Friday.

He added that India's products should be affordable and competitive in the global market. He said that India's pharmaceutical sector will be contributing more in the coming years to domestic needs and will also continue to cater to global demand.

"Our competitive advantage over other nations is price competitiveness and quality. India's pharmaceutical industry is robust, resilient, and responsive," the Minister said.

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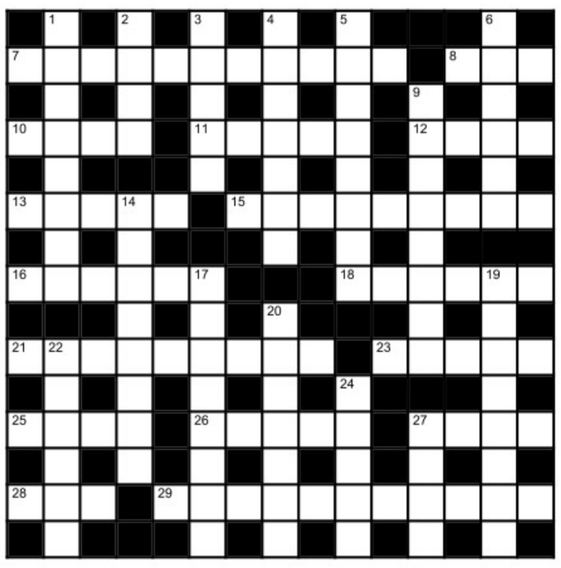

Across

7 "Fire and Ice" cast separated by killing dynasty's first heir (11)
8 Starts to ease, nudging Dhoni to finish (3)
10 Force a boundary (4)
11 Handy protection close to sitting duck (5)
12 Had returned a robe Romans wore (4)
13 Mistakes of fielders (5)
15 Not really certain it's complicated (9)
16 Place from East shelters brown behemoths (6)
18 Huge group of soldiers led by American soldier (6)
21 Starts to tremble, really terrified about what cannibals do in therapy (9)
23 Characters of play organized around August (5)
25 Check couple twirling rings (diamonds) (4)
26 Farewell notice that is posh (5)
27 Black bird in sink (4)
28 Supply runs in the morning (3)
29 Swiss general's left to reform rivals (11)

Down

1 He led win batting in city (3,5)
2 Just a lake (4)
3 Relatives protecting grand rulers (5)
4 Rejects plant kept in rows (7)
5 Animal at liberty to plod per Spooner (4,4)
6 Ponder about attracting German nobleman (6)
9 Like cuddling felines going back and forth making noise (8)
14 Nice lake missed by small farmers (8)
17 Comfort extremely shy husband, in Hindi medium earlier (8)
19 Coiled snake inhabiting tree in harmony (8)
20 He questions moving lower down to catching position (7)
22 Qualifications for jockeys (6)
24 Excellent meal softly polished off (5)
27 Defects in vehicle consuming gallons (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Many forms of Varaha

Our scriptures lend themselves to numerous, nuanced interpretations. Over centuries, preceptors, saints, savants and philosophers have made a deep study of them all and offered discourses that help the faithful get a better understanding of God. Devotees also voice their doubts among the learned and one such question has often centred around Varaha: why do we say Varaha, Nrisimha, Rama, Krishna avatar, giving Him pride of place? The answer is simple, Varaha is very versatile, said Dhamal Ramakrishnan in a discourse.

Varaha is said to have emerged from Brahma's nostrils when the former was besieged by devas after the asura Hiranyaksha imprisoned Bhoo Devi in the ocean. Even as the devas were pleading their cause, Varaha emerged and set off on the rescue mission. He vanquished the asura and freed Bhoo Devi. In fact, Andal's arrival on earth is an extended development of Varaha avatar, since Bhoo Devi wanted someone to guide other devotees on praying to God in a simple but effective manner. "Even the ordinary person should be able to follow the guidelines of worship," She desired, resulting in Andal's Tiruppavai. Interestingly, although Varaha is one avatar, there are many forms to Him. He is worshipped as Yagna Varaha (utsava murthy) in Srimushnam. In the same stalam, Boo Varaha presides as the moolavar. In Tirupati, Lord Srinivasa is His tenant, and Varaha is the kshetra adipati and a number of devotees seek His blessings for financial success in their ventures. In Tiruvellarai, a glowing Varaha offers darshan and protection to all. At Tiruvidandhai, as Lakshmi Varaha Perumal, He is believed to help unmarried find spouses.

SAN FRANCISCO

Musk's Neuralink says cleared for human test of brain implants

REUTERS

Elon Musk's start-up Neuralink on Thursday said it has approval from U.S. regulators to test its brain implants in people. Neuralink said clearance from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for its first in-human clinical study is "an important first step", which is intended to let brains interface directly with computers. AFP

DNIPRO

One dead in Russian missile strike at a medical clinic in Ukraine

AFP

Russian missiles hit a medical clinic in the Ukrainian city of Dnipro, killing one, President Volodymyr Zelensky said. A video distributed by officials showed a blaze ripping through a two-storey building in Dnipro after an attack that regional officials said had left some 15 people injured, including two children. AFP

LONDON

British Cycling to ban transgender women from female category

British Cycling will ban transgender women from competing in elite female events under a new policy published on Friday that aims to prioritise "fairness". The governing body will split racing into "open" and "female" categories. Transgender women, transgender men and non-binary individuals can compete in the "open" category. AFP

SEOUL

12 hospitalised after man opens plane door mid-air on Asiana flight

AP

A passenger opened an emergency exit on an Asiana Airlines flight carrying 200 passengers during landing at Daegu airport in South Korea, on Friday. The plane landed safely, but 12 were hospitalised due to breathing difficulties. However, no major injuries were reported. A man in his 30s was booked for questioning. AFP

Pro-Imran protesters to be tried in military courts

Interior Minister says Imran Khan is the architect of violent protests; the 33 persons handed over to Army authorities are accused of trespassing on and vandalising sensitive military installations

Reuters
ISLAMABAD

Thirty-three supporters of former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan have been handed over to the Army to face trial in military courts on charges of attacking armed forces' installations, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah said on Friday.

The 33 accused are among the thousands detained since Mr. Khan's May 9 arrest sparked violent protests across Pakistan. Those handed over to Army authorities are accused of trespassing on and vandalising sensitive military installations, Mr. Sanaullah said. Mr. Khan was arrested on graft charges and was subsequently released on bail.

Loyal base: Supporters of Imran Khan and activists of PTI in a clash with police during a protest in Peshawar on May 10. AFP

"The accused who are being handed over to the military are those who trespassed and entered very sensitive defence installations," Mr. Sanaullah told a press conference in Islamabad. He said that evidence suggested the protesters damaged or stole important equipment, computers and other sources of data collection.

He said only those involved in breaching out-of-bounds areas would face trial under Army laws, suggesting there would not be mass trials in military courts. But in response to a question, he also suggested that Mr. Khan could also be tried in a military court, saying: "as far as my own assessment and the evidence we have... this man is the architect of all this mess and planning, so yes he comes under this category."

Bhutan, China claim progress in boundary expert group talks

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Bhutan and China said they had made more progress in implementing a "three-step roadmap" towards resolving their boundary dispute after talks in Thimphu. The 12th Expert Group meeting (EGM), that oversees the actual boundary talks was held in the Bhutanese capital just four months after the 11th round of EGM talks were held in Kunming, and stressed on the "importance of increasing the frequency of their meetings".

However, the meeting didn't announce any breakthrough in setting a date for the next round or the 25th round of boundary talks, which have not been held since 2016, and were suspended after the military standoff at Doklam, but said they agreed to hold them "as soon as possible at mutually convenient dates".

The two sides reiterated the importance of meeting more frequently

Three-Step Roadmap

"The two sides expressed their confidence in the Three-Step Roadmap and reiterated the importance of increasing the frequency of their meetings to make further progress in its implementation. They agreed to hold the next EGM in Beijing at an early date," said the joint statement issued by Bhutanese and Chinese Foreign Ministers after the conclusion of the talks on May 24-25. "The meeting was held in a warm and friendly atmosphere in keeping with the close ties of friendship and cooperation between Bhutan and China," it said.

While there was a two year gap between the 10th round of the EGM held in April 2021 and the 11th round of the EGM held in January 2023, it is significant that the 12th round has followed within months and could indicate a more rapid development in the talks. The announcement that next venue of the meeting is Beijing may also indicate progress, as the last few rounds have been held in Kunming or Thimphu and not in the Chinese capital.

The Bhutanese delegation, that included Bhutanese Ambassador to India Gen. (Retd) Vetsop Namgyel, was led by Letho Tobdhen Tangbi, Secretary of the International Boundaries, and the Chinese delegation was led by Hong Liang, Director-General of the Department Boundary and Ocean Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China.

According to the joint statement, the two sides "expressed satisfaction" on the progress in implementing the "Three-Step roadmap" they had agreed to in October 2021.

The MEA declined to comment on the statement after the latest round of EGM talks. While India rarely comments on the bilateral talks between Bhutan and China, officials say they are kept abreast of developments.

FBI files uncover plot to kill Queen Elizabeth II

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

A newly released cache of FBI files has revealed a potential plot to assassinate Queen Elizabeth II during her 1983 visit to California.

The file states that the man claimed he was going to attempt to harm the queen "by dropping some object off the Golden Gate Bridge onto the royal yacht *Britannia* when it sails underneath".

The queen and her husband Prince Philip visited the west coast of the United States, and the trip passed off without incident.

The queen has previously been reported to have been the target of other assassination plots.

Belgium, Iran conduct prisoner swap in Oman

Associated Press
DUBAI

Belgium and Iran conducted a prisoner exchange on Friday in Oman, with officials saying Tehran released Olivier Vandecasteele, a Belgian aid worker, in exchange for Assadollah Assadi, an Iranian diplomat, convicted of attempting to bomb a meeting of exiles in France. Oman's Foreign Ministry said that "those released were transferred from Tehran and Brussels to Muscat today, Friday, in preparation for their return to their countries."

In Nepal, a fledgling political organisation gives traditional parties a run for their money

Sanjeev Satgainya
KATHMANDU

When Swarnim Wagle, an economist and former vice-chairman of Nepal's National Planning Commission, announced on March 30 that he was quitting the Nepali Congress, it came as a bombshell for many political watchers. Mr. Wagle once declared that he could not imagine being in a party other than the Nepali Congress, with which his three generations had had an allegiance.

Many saw his move as his grudge against the Nepali Congress high command for denying him a ticket to contest the November general elections. He swiftly joined the Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), a new political force that was born just five months before the elections. He contested the by-elections from Tanahun-1, a constituency that had fallen vacant after Ram Chandra Poudel, a Nepali Congress leader, was elected the new President of Nepal.

Though a newbie in politics, Mr. Wagle, who also served as the Chief Economic Adviser at the UNDP Regional Bureau for Asia and Pacific in New York between 2020 and 2022, registered a resounding victory, garnering three times more votes than his closest rival backed by the ruling coalition. While Mr. Wagle did have his expertise to project before the electorate, it was the charm of the RSP that worked more in his favour, say political commentators. The RSP, which won 21 seats in the 275-member

Rabi Lamichhane

Parliament in November, is now the fourth largest party with 22 seats.

Ever since the restoration of democracy in Nepal in 1990, the Nepali Congress and the Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist-Leninist), or CPN-UML, have been the major political forces. After the end of the decade-long insurgency in 2006, the Maoists became another powerful player. But over the years, there has been a growing resentment among the general public towards the established parties' failure to deliver amid a slew of allegations of corruption and irregularities.

A promising start

"People wanted to vent their frustration out. They chose the RSP," said said Hari Sharma, a political commentator and writer. "How it can change the Nepali political landscape is yet to be seen, but it has definitely made a forceful entry; a promising start."

"As I have said even in public forums that the RSP's emergence is a warning to traditional parties in Nepal" said Minendra Rijal, a former Minister and central member of the Nepali Congress party.

The RSP was founded on June 21, 2022 by Rabi Lamichhane, a journalist who earned an immense fan following through his television show in which he would call out politicians and expose social and political ills. When he jumped into politics, he said his party's sole goal would be to fight against corruption. It struck a chord with the electorate.

Mr. Lamichhane, the RSP founder whose lawmaker post was invalidated by the Supreme Court over charges that he held American citizenship without renouncing his Nepali citizenship, contested the April 23 by-elections from the same constituency he had won in November – Chitwan-2. He defeated his rivals of major parties hands down.

The party, however, faces criticism over some issues – its ideological footing and views on issues like federalism, secularism and foreign policy are nebulous.

But Mr. Wagle calls such detractors "slaves of their thoughts". "Our party wholeheartedly embraces the Constitution and pledges to move forward by following the directive principles laid down by the Constitution," he said. "We believe in liberal democracy; our goal is social justice, fighting corruption, ensuring economic growth, and generating employment." He claimed the RSP's rise has led to a paradigm shift in Nepali politics.

"Come next elections, we will emerge as a major political force," he said.

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मण्डल में अनुपयोगी सामान (Store items/buildings material/lab/parking/electricity scrap) की नीलामी की जानी है। नीलामी की तिथि 14.06.2023 समय प्रातः 11.00 बजे निर्धारित है। उपस्थित बोलीदाता/उनके प्रतिनिधी के समक्ष बोली लगाकर, सामान को नीलाम (जहां है जैसा है) किया जावेगा। नीलाम किए जाने वाले सामान की सरकारी बोली राशि रुपये 7,09,055/– (रुपये सात लाख नौ हजार पचपन मात्र) है। विस्तृत विवरण राज्य मण्डल की वेबसाईट http://environment.rajasthan.gov.in/rpcb पर उपलब्ध है। नीलामी में भाग लेने वाले बोलीदाता की धरोहर राशि 50,000/– जमा करवाकर ही बोली में भाग ले सकेंगे। समस्त बोलीदाता द्वारा कोरोना गाईडलाईन का पालन किया जाना अनिवार्य है।

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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Centenary Educational Complex, Anna Nagar, Puducherry-605005.

BID NOTICE

JD-2402/DSE/HSW/AC/A1/2023-24
Dt: 26.05.2023

The Directorate of School Education, Govt. of Puducherry invites bid for procurement of 25381 numbers of Laptop Computers through GeM portal.
Interested bidders may visit GeM portal:
Bid Number: GEM/2023/B/3476275
Dated 22.05.2023 and submit their bid.

DIRECTOR
DIRECTORATE OF SCHOOL EDUCATION
PUDUCHERRY

No.094/DIP/AD(Press)/2023-24

AJMER VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED
Corporate Identification Number (CIN) – U40109RJ2000SGC016482
(Regd.Office: VidyutBhawan, Panchasheel Nagar, Ajmer-305004
Office of the Superintending Engineer (Project)
VidyutBhawan, Panchasheel Nagar, Ajmer-305004
Website : https://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/avvnl Email : xendsmavvnl@gmail.com

No. AVVNL/ SE (Project)/ 2023-24/ DSM / F. KUSUM C / D. 758 Date: 23-05-2023

E- PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

'E Bids in two parts (Techno Commercial bid and Price Bid) are invited from eligible contractors/bidders for:

1. **AVVNL/ACE (Project)/XEN(RE-DSM)/TN-DSM-05** for Design, survey, supply, installation, testing, commissioning, operation & maintenance for 25 years from cod of grid connected solar power plants through RESCO mode, its associated 33kv or, 11kv line to connect the plant with various 33/11 kv substations and remote monitoring system (RMS) of solar power plants under PM-KUSUM-A scheme in domain of Ajmer Discom.

All the details regarding tender is available at our website www.avvnl.com and www.eproc.rajathan.gov.in. In future corrigendum/extension, if any shall be published only at website www.avvnl.com and www.eproc.rajathan.gov.in.
UBN No. AVV2324WSOB00145

Superintending Engineer (Project)
AVVNL, Ajmer
Raj.Samwad/C/23/2963

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग खण्ड, खेतड़ी
क्रमांकः 312-18 दिनांकः 16.05.2023

निविदा संशोधन सूचना संख्या 22 वर्ष 2022-23

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 6552-63 दिनांक 31.03.2023 एवं संशोधित कार्यालय आदेश क्रमांक 121 दिनांक 19.04.2023, 161-166 दिनांक 26.04.2023, 261-266 दिनांक 04.05. 2023, 270-275 दिनांक 08.05.2023 एवं 301 दिनांक 11.05.2023 द्वारा जारी निविदा सूचना संख्या 22 वर्ष 2022-23 में जिसकी निविदा जमा करवाने एवं निविदा को खोलने की तिथि 17.05.2023 थी। उक्त निविदा में निम्नानुसार संशोधन किया जाता है-

विवरण	पूर्व में प्रकाशित दिनांक एवं समय	संशोधित दिनांक एवं समय
निविदा जमा की तारीख	31.03.2023 प्रातः 10.00 बजे से 17.05.2023 को दोपहर 12.00 बजे तक	31.03.2023 प्रातः 10.00 बजे से 31.05.2023 को दोपहर 12.00 बजे तक
निविदा खोलने की तारीख	17.05.2023 सायं 05.00 बजे	31.05.2023 सायं 05.00 बजे

NIB No. PWD2223A5063
UBN No.
1. PWD2223WSOB20527 2. PWD2223WSOB20528
3. PWD2223WSOB20529 4. PWD2223WSOB20530
5. PWD2223WSOB20531 6. PWD2223WSOB20532
7. PWD2223WSOB20533 8. PWD2223WSOB20534
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अधिशासी अभियन्ता
सा.नि.वि., खण्ड खेतड़ी
DIPR/C/7381/2023

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, वृत्त-भरतपुर
क्रमांकः 238 दिनांकः 12.05.2023

संशोधन पत्र निविदा सूचना संख्या 01/2023-24

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 97 दिनांक 17.04.2023 से जारी निविदा सूचना संख्या 01/2023-24 जिला भरतपुर में नगरीय निकाय योजनान्तर्गत कुल 06 पैकेज निर्माण कार्य (दोष निवारण अवधि 5 वर्ष सहित), जो कि एसपीपी पोर्टल पर NIB NO. PWD2324A0140 से प्रकाशित हुई है, की तिथियों में निम्नानुसार संशोधन जारी किया जाता है जो वेबसाईट www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in एवं www.sppp.raj.nic.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

विवरण	पूर्व प्रकाशित तिथियां	पूर्व संशोधित तिथियां	पूर्व संशोधित तिथियां	संशोधित तिथियां
ऑनलाइन निविदा फार्म मिलने की तारीख	दिनांक 19.04.2023 प्रातः 9.30 बजे से दिनांक 02.05.2023 सायं 06.00 बजे तक	दिनांक 19.04.2023 प्रातः 9.30 बजे से दिनांक 11.05.2023 सायं 06.00 बजे तक	दिनांक 19.04.2023 प्रातः 9.30 बजे से दिनांक 18.05.2023 सायं 06.00 बजे तक	दिनांक 19.04.2023 प्रातः 9.30 बजे से दिनांक 29.05.2023 सायं 06.00 बजे तक
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ऑनलाइन तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की तारीख	कार्य के सम्मुख अंकित कार्यालय में 03.05.2023 अपराह्न 3.00 बजे खोली जायेगी।	कार्य के सम्मुख अंकित कार्यालय में 12.05.2023 अपराह्न 3.00 बजे खोली जायेगी।	कार्य के सम्मुख अंकित कार्यालय में 19.05.2023 अपराह्न 3.00 बजे खोली जायेगी।	कार्य के सम्मुख अंकित कार्यालय में 30.05.2023 अपराह्न 3.00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

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अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
सानिवि वृत्त-भरतपुर
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INBRIEF

NCLAT sets aside NCLT order on Zee-Sony merger

In a relief to Zee Entertainment, the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on set aside the NCLT order, directing NSE and BSE to reconsider approval for the Zee-Sony merger. A NCLAT bench observed the order passed by the the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) was against the "principle of natural justice" as it did not grant an opportunity to Zee Entertainment to respond over the issue of Shirpur Gold Refinery, a Subhash Chandra-led Essel Group firm. PTI

NALCO's profit for FY23 almost halves to ₹1,544 crore

The National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) reported net profit for FY23 almost halved to ₹1,544 crore while revenue from operations rose to ₹14,255 crore, its highest ever. Registering robust performance across business units with best-ever annual production and sales during FY23, NALCO said net profit for the fourth quarter ended March was estimated at ₹522 crore against ₹274 crore in the third quarter while revenue from operations rose 11% to ₹3671 crore.

Aurobindo's copy of Pfizer abortion drug gets FDA nod

Aurobindo Pharma subsidiary Eugia Pharma Specialties has received the final approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to manufacture and market Carboprost Tromethamine Injection USP 250 mcg/mL, single-dose vials. A generic of Pfizer's Hemabate Injection, the product is indicated for abortion. The drug's market size was about $51.4 million for the 12 months ended March, Aurobindo said.

'SEBI to ease passive fund rules soon'

New light-touch regulatory framework aimed at ETFs, index funds, says SEBI's Barua; board member says passives have seen sharp pick-up in AUM, cites transparency, diversification provided by these funds as rationale for the easier norms

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

SEBI will soon introduce a new light-touch regulatory framework for passively managed mutual funds like exchange traded funds (ETFs) and index funds, which have seen a sharp uptick in assets under management (AUM) in recent years, a member said.

"We are going to introduce new mutual fund regulations which we are calling 'Mutual Fund Lite' regulations for passives [funds]," Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) whole-time member Ananta Barua said on Friday, pointing to the surge in the share of ETFs and index funds in industrywide AUM, from 6% in 2019.

Push for passives

Markets regulator is set to soon introduce new mutual fund norms that are aimed at easing rules for passive funds

- Share of ETFs and index funds in industrywide AUM has surged sharply from 6% in 2019
- As of March 23, 16.5% of the ₹41.6 lakh crore MF assets were in passively run funds
- New regulations will reduce compliance requirements for these funds

As of March 23, 16.5% of the ₹41.6 lakh crore mutual fund assets were in passively run funds that blindly mimic the composition of stocks in different share market indices like the NSE Nifty 50 and BSE Sensex.

Index funds

While ETF units can be traded even intra-day on the bourses, index funds offer traditional MF units, which can be bought or redeemed at their net asset value that is revised daily.

"We have decided to encourage them because these funds provide transparency, diversification and [at a] lower cost vis-à-vis active funds," Mr. Barua observed at an Assocham MF summit.

"Their investments are not discretionary, but tied to the nature of the changes in the underlying index," he added.

"The new type of regulations... will reduce compliance requirements, which are required for actively managed funds in different aspects, but can be dispensed with for passive funds," Mr. Barua said.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	62,502	1.02
US Dollar	82.60	0.15
Gold	60,080	-0.28
Brent oil	76.95	1.99

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2544.35	6.90
Adani Ports	726.85	2.35
Apollo Hosp	4609.90	41.75
Asian Paints	3128.40	4.85
Axis Bank	926.95	5.90
Bajaj Auto	4615.95	-28.05
Bajaj Finserv	1439.15	11.80
Bajaj Finance	6904.50	63.35
Bharti Airtel	817.95	-4.75
BPCL	364.30	1.00
Britannia Ind	4596.20	32.90
Cipla	951.35	5.90
Coal India	241.50	1.45
Divis Lab	3514.00	78.35
Dr Reddys Lab	4530.95	27.00
Eicher Motors	3690.35	38.85
Grasim Ind	1688.30	-13.05
HCL Tech	1139.20	23.20
HDFC	2650.60	3.20
HDFC Bank	1615.80	6.20
HDFC Life	577.20	5.15
Hero MotoCorp	2745.15	12.35
Hindalco	413.55	9.30
Hind Unilever	2652.35	55.10
ICICI Bank	950.70	10.85
IndusInd Bank	1268.05	4.65
Infosys	1317.45	13.10
ITC	443.60	2.45
JSW Steel	701.70	5.05
Kotak Bank	1945.05	15.10
L&T	2218.45	13.75
M&M	1281.85	4.05
Maruti Suzuki	9399.95	118.10
NestleIndia	21581.75	106.85
NTPC	174.50	0.00
ONGC	163.75	-2.25
PowerGrid Corp	237.30	-0.65
Reliance Ind	2506.50	66.55
SBI Life	1195.75	18.40
State Bank	586.00	4.75
Sun Pharma	969.90	24.90
TataConsumerProduct	789.70	9.40
Tata Motors	518.45	3.60
Tata Steel	106.40	1.55
TCS	3328.90	35.40
Tech Mahindra	1114.75	16.65
Titan	2742.15	34.20
UltraTech Cement	7721.85	100.10
UPL	688.10	12.30
Wipro	401.70	7.60

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on May 26

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.38	82.70
Euro	88.56	88.91
British Pound	102.04	102.45
Japanese Yen (100)	58.93	59.17
Chinese Yuan	11.67	11.72
Swiss Franc	91.26	91.63
Singapore Dollar	60.98	61.23
Canadian Dollar	60.54	60.78
Malaysian Ringitt	17.91	17.99
Australian Dollar	53.87	54.08

Source:Indian Bank

M&M Q4 profit rises 18% to ₹2,637 crore

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Anish Shah

Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. (M&M) reported that its fourth-quarter consolidated net profit grew 18% to ₹2,637 crore from the same quarter last year led by enhanced profit from its auto and farm divisions. Profit from its hospitality and real estate businesses also contributed to the growth in profits.

For the fourth-quarter ended March 31, 2023, the company's consolidated revenue increased 25% to ₹32,366 crore.

For the full financial year, the company reported 56% growth in net profit to ₹10,282 crore compared with the previous year. Revenue increased 34% to ₹1,21,269 crore from the previous year, and this is the first time that annual PAT has crossed the ₹10,000 crore mark.

The board has recommended a dividend of ₹16.25 per share.

"It has been a blockbuster year for the group," said MD & CEO Anish Shah.

'Govt. mulls PLI plan for basic pharma chemicals'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on Friday asked pharma-medical devices industry to focus on manufacturing quality products at an affordable rates to compete globally, and announced plans to bring Product Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for basic chemicals.

Addressing an international conference on pharma and medical devices sector, he said, "In the coming days, we are coming up with PLI scheme for basic chemicals also."

Fed 'pause' in doubt after strong U.S. data

Reuters

Federal Reserve policymakers got a dose of unexpectedly strong economic data on Friday that bolstered the case for further monetary policy tightening to bring down persistently high inflation.

Consumer spending surged 0.8% last month from March, the Commerce Department reported. That's good news as far as showing the economy's not on the verge of a recession, but bad news for policymakers looking for a slowdown that could ease pressure on prices.

Inflation by the Fed's preferred gauge actually accelerated to 4.4% from a year earlier, with core prices – a key measure of underlying pressures – gaining 4.7%, up from the 4.6% pace in March. The Fed targets 2% inflation.

Debt limit progress

Coupled with what appeared to be some progress in Washington on a deal to raise the debt limit and avoid a catastrophic U.S. default, the data throws doubt on whether the Fed will indeed "pause" its rate-hike campaign, as Fed Chair Jerome Powell signaled it might earlier this month.

Traders are now betting the Fed will deliver an 11th straight interest rate hike in June.

Sun Pharma turns Q4 profit of ₹1,984 crore

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Dilip Shanghvi

Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. reported that it turned a consolidated net profit of ₹1,984.5 crore in the fourth quarter compared with a net loss of ₹2,277.3 crore in the year-earlier period, due to improved performance across multiple segments.

Gross sales at ₹10,725.6 crore grew 14.3% year-on-year (YoY), the company said in a press release.

For the financial year ended March 31, 2023, the company reported a net profit of ₹8,473.6 crore compared with ₹3,272.7 crore in the previous year.

The Board has proposed a final dividend of ₹4 per share for the year FY23

"Several of our businesses including specialty, India and emerging markets have continued to progress well," said the company's Managing Director Dilip Shanghvi.

GIC Re Q4 net jumps 43% to ₹2,564 cr., FY profit triples

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

GIC Re on Friday posted a 43% rise in net profit to ₹2,564 crore for the fourth quarter ended March. The state-owned re-insurer had earned a profit of ₹1,795 crore in the same quarter a year earlier.

The company collected a gross premium of ₹7,369.74 crore in Q4, against ₹10,303.81 crore in the year-earlier period, GIC Re said in a filing.

For FY23, GIC Re logged a threefold rise in net profit to ₹6,312.50 crore.

Grasim Q4 net slides 42% to ₹2,355 crore

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Grasim Industries on Friday reported 42.1% decline in consolidated net profit at ₹2,355.67 crore for the March quarter on account of tax write-backs and other one-off items.

In the last financial year, Grasim crossed the ₹1 lakh crore revenue mark, joining a select club of companies in India. Its revenue from operation was at ₹1.17 lakh crore.

The company had posted a net profit of ₹4,070.46 crore during January-March 2021-22. Revenue from operations was up at ₹33,462.14 crore during the quarter under review, from ₹28,811.39 crore in the corresponding period of the previous fiscal.

In FY23, Grasim crossed the ₹1 lakh crore revenue mark, joining a select club of companies

"Grasim's consolidated revenue for Q4FY23 stood at its highest levels of ₹33,462 crore, reflecting a growth of 16% YoY mainly contributed by the strong performance of key subsidiaries," the company said in an earnings statement.

'Recession in Germany may adversely hit India's exports'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

With the German economy contracting for two consecutive quarters, India's exports from sectors such as apparels, footwear, and leather goods to the European Union nation are likely to be impacted adversely, according to exporters.

"This is going to affect Indian exports not only to Germany but Europe as a whole since other countries are also in recession," exporter and Chairman of Technocraft Industries Sharad Kumar Saraf said.

City Union Bank Q4 net rises 4% to ₹218 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

City Union Bank Ltd. reported fourth-quarter net profit grew 4.3% year-on-year to ₹218 crore.

Net interest income (NII) climbed to ₹514 crore, from ₹501 crore.

For the 2022-23 fiscal year, net profit rose 23% to ₹937 crore. Net interest income increased by 13% to ₹2,163 crore. The private sector lender's total deposits rose by 10% to ₹52,398 crore. Total advances increased by 7% to ₹43,971 crore.

The bank's gross NPAs as on March 31 declined to 4.37%, from 4.70%, while net NPAs decreased to 2.36%, from 2.95%. Provision coverage ratio as on March 31 improved to 69%, from 64% in FY22.

Capital adequacy as on March 31 stood at 22.34% (20.85%). Net interest margin for FY23 stood at 3.89%, the bank said.

Sport

Sindhu and Prannoy move into the semifinals; Srikanth knocked out

MALAYSIA MASTERS

Press Trust of India
KUALA LUMPUR

P.V. Sindhu and H.S. Prannoy advanced to the semifinals of the Malaysia Masters Super 500 tournament with hard-fought victories here on Friday.

While double Olympic medallist Sindhu, seeded sixth in the tournament, defeated the lower-ranked Zhang Yi Man of China 21-16, 13-21, 22-20, Prannoy registered a 25-23, 18-21, 21-13 win over Kenta Nishimoto of Japan.

Sindhu will take on seventh seed and World No. 9 Gregoria Mariska Tunjung of Indonesia in the semifinals on Saturday.

Hanging tough: Prannoy overcame a blip in the second game to get past Nishimoto. AP

Tunjung upset second seed Wang Yi Zhi of China 21-18, 22-20.

Tunjung has been in fine form and Sindhu had lost to her in the Madrid Spain Masters final in April.

The Indian will, however, go into the semifinals with a 7-1 head-to-head advantage over Tunjung.

World No. 9 Prannoy faces qualifier Christian Adinata, ranked 57, of Indonesia, who beat K. Srikanth 16-21, 21-16, 21-11. Prannoy has never played against the 21-year-old Adinata.

Revenge

For World No. 13 Sindhu, it was revenge of sorts for her round-of-32 loss to Zhang, ranked 18th, at this year's All England Open.

The results:

Men: H.S. Prannoy bt Kenta Nishimoto (Jpn) 25-23, 18-21, 21-13.

Christian Adinata (Ina) bt K. Srikanth 16-21, 21-16, 21-11.

Women: P.V. Sindhu bt Zhang Yi Man (Chn) 21-16, 13-21, 22-20.

Elpenor in fine fettle, may score an encore in the War Hammer Million

RACING

BENGALURU: Elpenor, who is in fine fettle, may score an encore in the War Hammer Million (1,400m), the chief event of the races to be held here on Saturday (May 27).

False rails (width about 5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 ROYAL TERN PLATE (1,200m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 1-00 p.m.: 1. Bourbon Bay (10) Bhawani S 56, 2. Cristaldo (2) G. Vivek 56, 3. Fort Nelson (6) Zervan 56, 4. Lone Ranger (7) Vinod Shinde 56, 5. Smash Shot (12) Kiran Naidu 56, 6. Superhero (1) Tousif 56, 7. Alexina (8) Santosh Raj 54.5, 8. Amazing Attraction (11) Trevor 54.5, 9. Burmese (9) Yash 54.5, 10. Crosswater (4) S. Saqlain 54.5, 11. Enabling (3) P.S. Chouhan 54.5 and 12. The Blissfulelysee (5) Sai Kiran 54.5.
1. FORT NELSON, 2. AMAZING ATTRACTION, 3. BURMESE

2 SUPERVITE PLATE (DIV. II), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 1-30: 1. Bruce Almighty (5) Rayan 60, 2. High Opinion (6) Hindu S 59.5, 3. Glow In The Dark (1) R. Girish 58, 4. My Visionary (4) Chethan K 58, 5. Spirit Of Love (7) S. Saqlain 58, 6. Masteroftheskies (2) P. Siddaraju 57, 7. Ring Master (8) J.H. Arul 57, 8. Defining Power (10) Rajesh K 56, 9. Solid Power (9) Arvind K 56 and 10. Striking Point (3) Vinod Shinde 56.
1. SOLID POWER, 2. SPIRIT OF LOVE, 3. GLOW IN THE DARK

3 USHA STUD PLATE (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 2-00: 1. Humanitarian (4) Deepak S 60, 2. Win My Luv (11) Sonu K 59.5, 3. Scribbling Hopper (10) Syed Imran 59, 4. Kulsum (3) S. Saqlain 58, 5. Nikolina (6) G. Vivek 58, 6. Classic Charm (9) Vishal Bunde 57, 7. Cash Out (1) R. Pradeep 56.5, 8. The Republic Power (7) Sai Kiran 56.5, 9. Crown Consort (8) Yash 56, 10. Rapidus (2) Akshay K 56, 11. Rightly Noble (12) P. Surya 56 and 12. Queen Regnant (5) Bhawani S 55.5.
1. CROWN CONSORT, 2. RAPIDUS, 3. WIN MY LUV

4 K.N. GURUSWAMY MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 2-30: 1. Serdar (6) Bhawani S 60, 2. English Bay (4) D. Patel 57, 3. Meropi (7) Trevor 56, 4. Peluche (1) A. Ramu 55.5, 5. Golden Time (3) Shreyas S 54, 6. She Can (8) P.S. Chouhan 54, 7. Anzac Pipernal (2) S. Saqlain 52.5, 8. In Thy Light (5) Akshay K 51 and 9. Splendour On Grass (9) Santosh Raj 51.
1. MEROPI, 2. IN THY LIGHT, 3. ANZAC PIPERNAL

5 COL. DESRAJ URS TROPHY (1,200m), rated 60 to 85, 3-00: 1. Siege Courageous (2) Akshay K 60, 2. Last Wish (11) P.S. Chouhan 59, 3. Carlisle (9) Afroz Khan 58.5, 4. Miss Little Angel (7) Sonu K 56.5, 5. Kay Star (5) N.S. Parmar 56, 6. Del Mar (12) R. Pradeep 55, 7. Disruptor (3) Yash 54.5, 8. Galactical (6) Arvind K 54, 9. Amreli (4) Trevor 53, 10. Price Abir (8) Shreyas S 53, 11. Smithsonian (10) Vishal Bunde 52.5 and 12. Artemis Ignacia (1) J.H. Arul 52.
1. SIEGE COURAGEOUS, 2. ARTEMIS IGNACIA, 3. AMRELI

6 WAR HAMMER MILLION (1,400m), 3-y-o, (Terms), 3-30: 1. Elpenor (8) Akshay K 57, 2. Waikiki (10) N.S. Parmar 55, 3. Auspicious Queen (12) Trevor 54.5, 4. N R I Doublepower (4) P.S. Chouhan 54.5, 5. Born To Be Spoilt (1) Afroz Khan 52, 6. Brilliant Star (13) Abhay S 52, 7. Detective (9) Likith Appu 52, 8. Diamond Gold (6) J.H. Arul 52, 9. Felix (7) Hasib 52, 10. Gimmler (14) K. Nazil 52, 11. Made In Heaven (11) Santosh Raj 52, 12. Aralina (2) S. Saqlain 50.5, 13. Fast Pace (3) Ajeet K 50.5 and 14. Golden Bella (5) Shreyas S 50.5.
1. ELPENOR, 2. AUSPICIOUS QUEEN, 3. WAIKIKI

7 MINISTERIAL PLATE (1,600m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Pharazon (8) A. Ramu 56, 2. Ruling Dynasty (5) Akshay K 56, 3. Sea The Sun (1) P.S. Chouhan 56, 4. The Godfather (6) Trevor 56, 5. Walvis Bay (4) Zervan 56, 6. Mystikos (7) S. Saqlain 54.5, 7. N R I Fairy (3) N.S. Parmar 54.5 and 8. Salome (2) Hindu S 54.5.
1. THE GODFATHER, 2. SEA THE SUN, 3. RULING DYNASTY

8 SUPERVITE PLATE (DIV. I), (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 4-30: 1. Always Happy (5) G. Vivek 62.5, 2. Millbrook (1) K. Nazil 61.5, 3. Silver Canyon (4) Trevor 61, 4. Southern Dynasty (6) Md. Aliyar 61, 5. Dragon's Gold (8) Akshay K 60, 6. Fortunatus (9) S. Saqlain 60, 7. Measure Of Time (2) Rayan 59, 8. Caesars Palace (10) Shreyas S 58, 9. Born King (3) M. Prabhakaran 56.5 and 10. Sacred Creator (7) Rajesh K 55.
1. SILVER CANYON, 2. DRAGON'S GOLD, 3. FORTUNATUS

Day's best: **ELPENOR**

Double: **FORT NELSON – THE GODFATHER**

Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Tr (i): 3, 4 and 5; (ii): 6, 7 and 8.

TACTICAL GENIUS

Magician Dhoni can turn trash into treasure, says Hayden

M.S. Dhoni is a "magician" who can turn "trash into treasure" says Australia great Matthew Hayden. Dhoni's tactical genius has played a big part in CSK reaching its 10th IPL final. He did not have the best of bowling attacks at the start of the tournament but has been able to bring the best out of it, says Hayden.

SECRET OF SUCCESS

Suryakumar gives an insight into his gameplay

MI batter Suryakumar Yadav gave an insight into his gameplay, which makes him one of the most feared strikers of the ball in the shortest format. "I believe in my instincts. Whenever I am facing a new bowler, I watch his videos. Before the match, I shadow bat and think about where I can score my runs, be it any ground."

NEXT BIG THING

Rashid believes Sai Sudharsan will be a key player in future

Gujarat Titans all-rounder Rashid Khan believes top-order batter Sai Sudharsan will be a key player for Team India in future. "Sai Sudharsan is an unbelievable player! He's going to be a very handy player, not just for Gujarat Titans, but for Team India in the future," said Rashid.

SHOW THE WAY

Senior batters have to deliver in WTC Final, says M.S.K. Prasad

Former chief selector M.S.K. Prasad said it is important for senior batters to score well if India is to win the final of the ICC World Test Championship against Australia. "The senior batters like Rohit, Rahane, Pujara and Kohli have to deliver. If the seniors run the show, the youngsters will follow them as well," said Prasad.

Gill masterclass sinks Mumbai Indians; Titans in final

The stylish opener's 129 takes the team to a mammoth total of 233; Mohit puts a swift end to the Rohit & Co's aspirations with remarkable figures of five for 10, seals a 62-run victory

IPL-16

N. Sudarshan
AHMEDABAD

That Shubman Gill was capable of reaching stratospheric levels of batsmanship was seldom in doubt.

On Friday, a packed Narendra Modi Stadium experienced it first hand as he led Gujarat Titans to its second straight Indian Premier League final, against Chennai Super Kings, with a 62-run victory over Mumbai Indians.

Gill's century (129, 60b, 7x4, 10x6), his third in four innings, was T20 batting at its purest. This was especially true of the latter half of the knock. The 23-year-old took 32 balls to get to his half-century. Off the next 28, he smashed 79 to help his side reach 233 for three.

Wretched start

MI's reply was off to a wretched start. Ishan Kishan didn't come out to bat because of a concussion; Cameron Green retired hurt early on after being hit on the elbow and Rohit Sharma was out cheaply, with Josh Little completing a fine catch at short fine-leg.

Tilak Varma injected some much-needed belief with a manic 43 (14, 5x4, 3x6), which included two elegant clipped sixes and a gorgeous cover drive.

Suryakumar Yadav fought too (61, 38b, 7x4, 2x6), bringing up his half-century with a characteristic scooped six off Little.

All-important wicket

But Mohit Sharma scalped the all-important wicket in the 15th over, rattling Suryakumar's leg stump with nearly 80 runs needed.

Two balls later, Mohit excised Vishnu Vinod before Rashid Khan trapped Tim David in front to bring a swift end to MI's resistance.

Mohit returned remarkable figures of 2.2-0-10-5.

Earlier, asked to bat first after a heavy downpour had delayed the start by 30 minutes, GT plodded along in the PowerPlay, collecting 50 runs.

Chris Jordan could have had Gill for 30 in the sixth over, but a diving David dropped the chance and MI was in for a hiding.

Akash Madhwal and Piyush Chawla have been among MI's best bowlers. But neither their form nor their pedigree mattered to Gill.

In the 12th over, Madhwal was smashed for three sixes on the leg-side before Chawla was deposited over long-off, paddle hit to the boundary and clobbered for a massive 106m six over deep mid-wicket. The two bled 97 runs from seven overs.

10 maximums

Gill hit 10 maximums in all, and the 10th was worthy of a place in the Louvre.

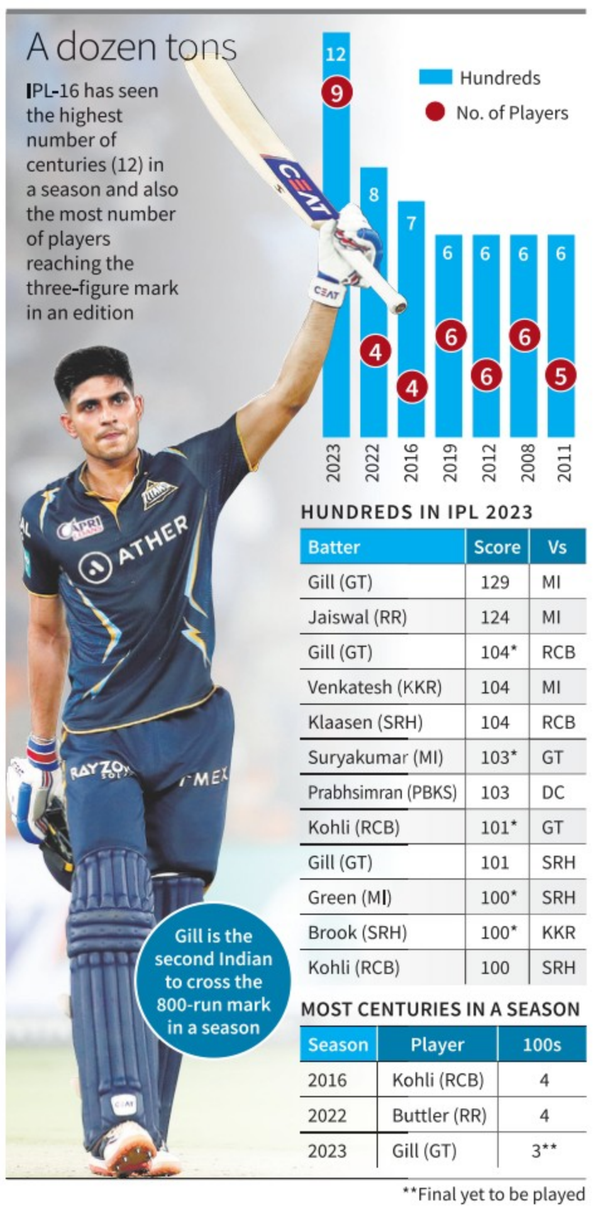
He walked down the pitch to Green and nonchalantly slapped a rising delivery over the deep mid-wicket fence.

Gill finally fell, holing out to David at deep mid-wicket off Madhwal.

But skipper Hardik Pandya's unbeaten 28 (13b, 2x4, 2x6) ensured a gigantic total which MI couldn't even sniff.

Titans will meet Super Kings in the summit clash at Ahmedabad on May 28 (Sunday). Hardik's men had lost in Qualifier 1 to Dhoni's side in Chennai before fighting back to secure a berth in the final with a thumping win over MI in Qualifier 2

Boundaries galore: Gill's scintillating knock contained seven fours and 10 sixes. VIJAY SONEJI



HUNDREDS IN IPL 2023

Batter	Score	Vs
Gill (GT)	129	MI
Jaiswal (RR)	124	MI
Gill (GT)	104*	RCB
Venkatesh (KKR)	104	MI
Klaasen (SRH)	104	RCB
Suryakumar (MI)	103*	GT
Prabhsimran (PBKS)	103	DC
Kohli (RCB)	101*	GT
Gill (GT)	101	SRH
Green (MI)	100*	SRH
Brook (SRH)	100*	KKR
Kohli (RCB)	100	SRH

MOST CENTURIES IN A SEASON

Season	Player	100s
2016	Kohli (RCB)	4
2022	Buttler (RR)	4
2023	Gill (GT)	3**

**Final yet to be played

Sensational: Mohit's spell read 2.2-0-10-5. VIJAY SONEJI

SCOREBOARD

GUJARAT TITANS

Wriddhiman Saha st. Kishan b Chawla 18 *(16b, 3x4)*, Shubman Gill c David b Madhwal 129 *(60b, 7x4, 10x6)*, B. Sai Sudharsan retired out 43 *(31b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Hardik Pandya (not out) 28 *(13b, 2x4, 2x6)*, Rashid Khan (not out) 5 *(2b, 1x4)*; Extras (lb-2, w-6, nb-2): 10; Total (for three wkts. in 20 overs): 233.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-54 (Saha, 6.2 overs), 2-192 (Gill, 16.5), 3-214 (Sudharsan, 18.6).

MUMBAI INDIANS BOWLING

Behrendorff 4-0-28-0, Green 3-0-35-0, Madhwal 4-0-52-1, Jordan 4-0-56-0, Chawla 3-0-45-1, Kartikeya 2-0-15-0.

MUMBAI INDIANS

Rohit Sharma c Little b Shami 8 *(7b, 1x4)*, Nehal Wadhera **(Impact Player for Madhwal)** c Saha b Shami 4 *(3b, 1x4)*, Cameron Green b Little 30 *(20b, 2x4, 2x6)*, Suryakumar Yadav b Mohit 61 *(38b, 7x4, 2x6)*, Tilak Varma b Rashid 43 *(14b, 5x4, 3x6)*, Vishnu Vinod **(Concussion sub for Ishan Kishan)** c Hardik b Mohit 5 *(7b)*, Tim David lbw b Rashid 2 *(3b)*, Chris Jordan c Sudharsan b Mohit 2 *(5b)*, Piyush Chawla c Miller b Mohit 0 *(2b)*, Kumar Kartikeya c Miller b Mohit 6 *(7b, 1x4)*, Jason Behrendorff (not out) 3 *(5b)*; Extras (lb-2, w-4, nb-1): 7; Total (in 18.2 overs): 171.

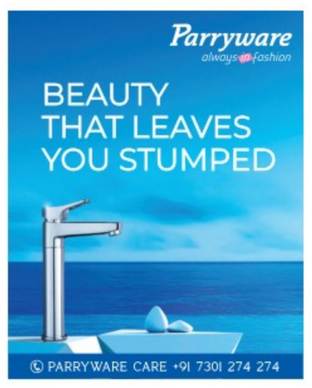
FALL OF WICKETS

1-5 (Wadhera, 0.5), 2-21 (Rohit, 2.2), 3-72 (Tilak, 5.6), 4-124 (Green, 11.2), 5-155 (Suryakumar, 14.3), 6-156 (Vishnu, 14.5), 7-158 (David, 15.3), 8-161 (Jordan, 16.1), 9-162 (Chawla, 16.3).

TITANS BOWLING

Shami 3-0-41-2, Hardik 2-0-24-0, Rashid 4-0-33-2, Noor 4-0-35-0, Little **(Impact Player for Gill)** 3-0-26-1, Mohit 2.2-0-10-5.

Toss: MI; **PoM:** Gill.



Top of the charts

ORANGE
Shubman Gill
Matches: 16
Runs: 851 | HS: 129
SR: 156.43

PURPLE
Mohammed Shami
Matches: 16
Wkts: 28 | BBI: 4/11
Eco: 7.95

Stats till Qualifier 2 on May 26

More at home on the road

This season, the Chennai side picked up more points away (9) than at home (8), its best performance since 2008

- Super Kings had won **five away games** in 2008 and '13
- After 2013, Dhoni's men **lost two or more games** at Chepauk
- In 2011, Super Kings won **all seven league matches** and the final at home

Edition	League games	Wins at home	Wins away
2008	14	3 (7)	5
2010	14	4 (7)	3
2011	14	7 (7)	2
2012*	16	5 (8)	3
2013	16	6 (8)	5
2015	14	6 (7)	3
2018**	14	6 (7)	3
2019	14	6 (7)	3
2023	14	4 (7)	4

* In 2012, CSK's away game against RCB was adandoned due to rain

** In 2018, CSK played six of out its seven 'home' matches in Pune and only one in Chennai

In 2009, '14, '20, '21 and '22, no match was played in Chennai

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WTC winner to receive $1.6 million

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

The winner of next month's World Test Championship (WTC) final between India and Australia will take home $1.6 million in prize money, while the runner-up will receive $800,000.

The tournament prize money is the same as that for the inaugural final – a total of $3.8 million.

Indian defence crumbles in dying minutes as team loses to Belgium

FIH PRO LEAGUE

Press Trust of India
LONDON

India conceded a late goal to lose 1-2 against Olympic champion Belgium in the FIH Men's Hockey Pro League here on Friday. All the goals came through penalty-corners.

World No. 2 Belgium took the lead in the 18th minute through Thibeau Stockbroekx before India equalised via Mandeep Singh in the 25th minute.

Onana strikes

But the Indian defence crumbled in the dying minutes of the match as it conceded a few penalty-corners, one of which was converted by Nelson Onana in the 60th minute.

The match was even-stevens till the final hooter with both the teams matching each other.

India will take on hosts Great Britain in its second match of the Europe leg of the Pro League here on Saturday.

The result:

Belgium 2 (Thibeau Stockbroekx 18, Onana 60) bt India 1 (Mandeep Singh 25).

Verstappen tops second practice

MONACO GP

Agence France-Presse
MONACO

Max Verstappen resumed normal service on Friday when he topped the times for Red Bull ahead of Charles Leclerc's Ferrari in second practice at the Monaco Grand Prix.

The defending double World champion, who had struggled with his car in the opening session to finish sixth, was quickest in a best lap of one minute 12.462 seconds, 0.065 clear of the local hero who is bidding for his third successive 'home' pole position.

Carlos Sainz was third in the second Ferrari ahead of Aston Martin's Fernando Alonso.

INBRIEF

United thrashes Chelsea to secure CL return

Manchester United sealed qualification for next season's Champions League with a 4-1 thrashing of beleaguered Chelsea on Thursday.

The results: Premier League: Manchester United 4 (Casemiro 6, Martial 45+5, Fernandes 73-pen, Rashford 78) bt Chelsea 1 (Felix 89).
LaLiga: Real Mallorca 1 (Muriqi 64) bt Valencia 0; Osasuna 2 (Budimir 50, Torro 77) bt Athletic Bilbao 0.

Anees finishes fourth in Cyprus

Muhammed Anees, who produced an impressive 8.15m around this time last year that saw him finish as the seventh-best Asian in the 2022 list, was fourth in the Cyprus international athletics meeting with 7.60m at Limassol on Thursday. It was his first international outdoor meet of the season. Anees and Britain's Jack Roach were tied with 7.60m at the end of the event but the latter won the bronze on a countback as his next-best effort was better than the Indian's. Greece's Miltiadis Tentoglou, the Olympic champion, won the gold with 8.26m in the meet which was a World Athletics Continental Tour-Bronze event.

MotoGP team conducts recce of BIC ahead of inaugural race

A 12-member team from the MotoGP commercial rights holder, Dorna Sports, concluded a recce of the Buddh International Circuit (BIC) ahead of its inaugural race here from September 22 to 24.
The team, led by Norma Luna, meticulously surveyed the circuit to evaluate various technical aspects as well as inspect the broadcast setup facilities and assess other essential requirements.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: MTV, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6 a.m.
BWF: Malaysia Masters, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10.30 a.m.
FIH Pro League: Great Britain vs India, SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 5.30 p.m.
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Saturday).
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.
Formula One: Monaco GP (Qualifying), F1 TV & F1 TV Pro App, 7.30 p.m.
LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10.30 p.m.

Arjun finishes strongly to claim Sharjah Masters title

Compatriot Gukesh remains unbeaten in finishing third in a unique event where all 78 participants were GMs with an average rating of 2617

CHESS

Sports Bureau

Struggling for form, Arjun Erigaisi produced a scintillating finish to his campaign in the $45,000 Masters section of the premier Sharjah Masters chess tournament and emerged an impressive winner on Thursday.

The eighth seed, placed seventh among eight leaders after the penultimate round, scripted a dominating 27-move victory over Uzbekistan's Yakubboev Nodirbek on the third board for a winning tally of 6.5 points from nine rounds.

Arjun's final-round triumph proved decisive as four of the top five boards, involving other overnight leaders, ended in draws.

In this unique event, where all 78 participants representing 31 countries were Grandmasters with an average rating of 2617, Arjun raised his head in the second half and eventually stood the tallest. Placed 38th following a shock loss to compatriot Aryan Chopra, Arjun scored 4.5 points from five rounds.

The title was worth $10,000, a gold medal and a trophy. More importantly, this success should help Arjun regain the confidence that was instrumental in his meteoric rise since March last year.

Unbeaten second seed D. Gukesh (6) was third following a top-board draw with Iran's Amin Tabatabaei. He received the bronze medal and $7,000, behind overnight leader USA's Samuel Sevian, after a seven-way tie for the second spot.

Rated 2732 and among the front-runners for the title, Gukesh slowed down following draws in the last three rounds against eventual runner-up USA's Samuel Sevian (2684) and Grigoriy Oparin (2667) and Iran's Tabatabaei (2677).

The youngster deservedly gained 5.5 rating points for performing at the highest level of 2781 in the competition.

Best on show: Champion Arjun flanked by Gukesh, left, and runner-up Sevian. CHESSBASE INDIA

How the 16 Indians fared: 1. Arjun Erigaisi (6.5), 3. D. Gukesh (6), 9. Nihal Sarin (5.5), 13. S. L. Narayanan (5.5), 15. R. Praggnanandhaa (5.5), 18. B. Adhiban (5.5), 19. Aryan Chopra (5), 34. M. Karthikeyan (5), 37. Leon Mendonca (4.5), 45. Aditya Mittal (4.5), 47. Vidit Gujrathi (4.5), 56. S.P. Sethuraman (4), 57. Abhimanyu Puranik (4), 61. Aravindh Chithambaram (3.5), 63. Harsha Bharathakoti (3.5), 65. Raunak Sadhwani (3.5).

SNAPSHOTS

Bhowneesh in joint lead in shotgun World Cup

ALMATY (KAZAKHSTAN): Olympic-quota winner Bhowneesh Mendiratta shot 73 out of 75 to be in joint lead after three rounds of trap, with four others, in the shotgun World Cup here on Friday.

Bhowneesh shot 25, 23 and 25. Khaled Almudhaf of Kuwait, Giovanni Pellielo of Italy, James Willett of Australia and Alberto Fernandez of Spain were the others in lead with him.

Tushar, Mrinal picked in place of Atanu and Neeraj

KOLKATA: Tushar Shelke and Mrinal Chauhan were selected in place of Atanu Das and Neeraj Chauhan in the Indian men's recurve team for the Archery World Cup Stage-3 to be held Medellin, Columbia, from June 13 to 18.

In the two-day selection trials, which concluded at Sonepat on Friday, Tarundeep Rai also made it to the men's recurve side.

Tanisha Verma, Bhajan Kaur, Ankita Bhakat and Sangeeta booked their places in the recurve women's team.
In the compound division, Abhishek Verma returned after missing the first two stages of the World Cup. Rajat Chauhan retained his spot.
Parneet Kaur made it to the women's squad, while Aditi Swami retained her place.

Warburton is India sub-junior boxing head coach

English coach John Warburton, who works at JSW's Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS), has been appointed head coach of the Indian sub-junior boxing team.
According to the Boxing Federation of India (BFI), the 'strategic partnership' with JSW is aimed at the development of boxers by giving them top-level training at the grassroots level and creating a bigger talent pool.
The BFI plans to conduct the National sub-junior camp at the IIS, Vijayanagar

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Sanmay, Anish star for Social Cricketers

Sanmay Rudrawadi (193) and K.N. Anish (102) powered Social Cricketers past Jupiter CA in the KSCA under-19 inter-club tournament here.

The scores:
Social Cricketers 368/6 in 50.0 overs (Sanmay Rudrawadi 193, K.N. Anish 102, Shashank Reddy 26, Harshil Arigala 3/36) bt Jupiter CA 228 in 40.4 overs (A. Abhishek 66, Harshil Arigala 39, Kumar Jha 25, Sriee Praghajeeth 3/53).
Swastic Union (2) 354/7 in 50 overs (M.B. Shivam 34, S.U. Karthik 109, Harshil 115, Dheeraj Gowda 49, G. Rishil 3/55, K.M. Koushik Amruth 3/68) bt Chintamani SA 151 in 40.0 overs (Adoksh Vishwanath 28, G. Rishil 38, Aaryan Santosh 3/28, Dheeraj Gowda 3/26).
Cambridge 128/7 in 20 overs (Pratheek 58) bt Jawahar (2) 74/7 in 20 overs (G. Kushan 3/7) (overs reduced due to rain).

Yankees 133 in 41 overs (Rishit Negi 52 n.o.) lost to Friends Union (2) 136/3 in 26.1 overs (Raag Punja 55 n..o, V. Srithan 33 n.o.).

Swastic Union (1) 173 in 47.4 overs (Gagan Rao 41, Dishan Mandhana 51, B. Vishwesh 3/32, Pranshu Patel 3/19) lost to Coles 176/5 in 39.2 overs (Kishore Kotiyan 51, Adwait Jain 31 n.o.).

Jawahar (1) 386/4 in 50 overs (Rithvik Gowda 30, Visvesh Subramanian 44, M.P. Samarth 140, Samit Ramesh 82 n.o.) bt Malleswaram Gymkhana 93 in 28.4 overs (L. Vibaansh 33 n.o., Raja Shankar 3/17, Aryan Jain 3/30, Harish Raghavan 3/13).

Century Cricketers 243 in 42.4 overs (Nikshipth 29, Hari Rajiv 85, Shivpratap Singh 39, K.M. Shreyas 3/15) lost to The Bangalore Cricketers 246/4 in 40.5 overs (Uday Krishna 40, D.S. Bhushan 87 n.o., S. Daivik 60).

Naga Bharath, Aneeshwar slam centuries for Swatic Union (2)

Naga Bharath (196) and Aneeshwar Gautam (163) came good for Swastic Union CC (2) in its drawn KSCA Group I, Division I league match against Bangalore United CC (1) here.
In another encounter, Kranti Kumar picked up a nine-wicket match haul and scored 73 for Coles CC against Rajajinagar Cricketers.

The scores:
Swastic Union (2) 453/5 decl. in 89.5 overs (Vishal Onat 42, Naga Bharath 196, Aneeshwar Gautam 163, Vidyadhar Patil 3/79) drew with Bangalore United (1) 250/7 in 58 overs (Liyan Khan 59, Kishan Bedare 111 n.o., Tushar Singh 37, Adhoksh 3/29).
Rajajinagar Cricketers 179 in 44.3 overs (V. Koushik 35, Kranthi Kumar 6/21) and 81/6 in 39.4 overs (Rohan Kadam 46 n.o., Hardik Raj 3/14, Kranthi Kumar 3/8) drew with Coles 266/8 decl. in 67 overs (L.R. Chethana 47, Bharath Kumar 30, Kranthi Kumar 73, Hardik Raj 71).
Sir Syed Cricketers 444/8 in 90 overs (Rohan Patil 136, S.J. Nikin Jose 100, Luvnith Sisodia 84, Tanay Valmik 40, Monish Reddy 29, Mahesh Wadhwani 30 n.o.) drew with Friends Union (1) 283 in 70.5 overs (B.U. Shivakumar 39, G.S. Chiranjeevi 30, Prajwal Pavan 92, Mithun Bhat 52, Rishi Bopanna 33, S. Suraj 3/96, Mahesh Wadhwani 4/58).
Social Cricketers 261 in 80 overs (Sudhanwa Kulkarni 46, Aadarsh Prajwal 67, D. Avinash 64, Shikhar Shetty 3/64, K.P. Karthikeya 3/52) drew with Vultures 238/7 in 67 overs (K.L. Shrijith 36, R. Smaran 95, K.P. Karthikeya 41, Shreesha Achar 3/60).
Bangalore Occasionals 230 in 66.5 overs (Kush Marathe 58, Singh Rawat 29, Varun Rao 56, Pranav Gokhle 31 n.o., Sharan Gouda 5/29) and 17/0 in 10 overs drew with Mount Joy 347/8 decl. in 74.3 overs (Aditya Somanna 26, B.R. Sharath 79, J. Suchith 35, Akshan Rao 100 n.o., Mohit Kumar 36 n.o., Hriddhiman Basu 3/53, Pranav Gokhle 3/88).
Cambridge 184 in 51.2 overs (Hadley Noronha 32, Aqib Jawad 53, Shubhang Hegde 25, Shashikumar 4/46) drew with Swastic Union (1) 316/7 decl. in 61 overs (R. Samarth 139, Anirudh Srinivas 30, S. Rakshith 70, Shubhang Hegde 3/103, Dheeraj Gowda 3/46).

Big win for VAS FC against Arrows FC

VAS FC defeated Bangalore Arrows FC 7-2 in the KSFA C-division football championship here.

The results:
Karnataka Network FC drew with Bangalore Panthers 1-1.
Snippers FC drew with Agniputra FA 1-1.
VAS FC bt Bangalore Arrows FC 7-2.
Balajarakha FA bt Samanth FC 4-1.

Maiden I-League berth for Delhi FC

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Delhi FC defeated Ambernath United Atlanta FC 3-1 to emerge the second division champion and gain a promotion to the I-League for the first time here on Friday.

Playing in its debut season, the Mumbai-based Atlanta needed a point to win the title. However, a brace from Gagandeep Bali and an audacious strike from Vanlalhriatzuala scripted a memorable win for Delhi and dashed Atlanta's hopes.

Atlanta FC and FC Bengaluru United finished third and fourth respectively with six points each.